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SAT Scores At AHS Aired Before School Committee

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

A report on SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores at Agawam High School was presented to the School Committee Tuesday evening along with five recommendations by the AHS Guidance Department Director Paul Cavallo.

Cavallo's report produced score results for 1987, 1989, and 1991, broken down in both the verbal and math sections in six categories.

For example, in 1987, the total 202 seniors taking the test were separated into columns of the lowest scoring (200-299) up through the highest column (700-800) for verbal, and again for math sections.

More importantly, Cavallo also classified students by the amount of preparatory classes for the comparison. He stated that 83 percent of students with three years of college English classes took SATs in 1987. He also noted that 53 students with four years of "college math courses" scored between 400-499 in the math section. The state math average for 1991 was 470, and 426 for verbal.

Superintendent James Bruno noted that the increased graduation requirements instituted this year at AHS would help to "automatically" raise

the scores of many individual students over the next few years.

Students are now required to take an additional year of math class in order to accumulate graduation credits.

Cavallo called for a "grade prerequisite to be reinstituted for math and English courses" based on his observations of the study conducted by him for the report.

He cited "D" students in a college English class being promoted as "an impediment to the teacher's success" because the teacher "has to move at a slower pace."

Cavallo said both grade and course prerequisites had been required at AHS in the 1970s and added that they had been eliminated by the incoming superintendent back then.

"I think we have suffered for it," said Cavallo. He added that SAT scores have not fluctuated overall that much since 1970.

Noted Biggest Problem

School Committee Vice Chairwoman Teresa

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Signing-Up!



THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION held sign-ups for the upcoming spring/summer baseball and softball season. Sign-ups were on Saturday and will be held again on this Saturday and Sunday. Pictured above are Justin Gorman and John Lynch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rotary Club Assists Veteran's Project



PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY to construct a 260 square foot gazebo to accommodate 32 persons with parameter lighting and electric receptacle on the Veterans' Green for community use. The Agawam Veterans' Council has received a check for \$1,000 from the Agawam Rotary Club to be put towards the \$8,000 goal. Rotary President James V. Bruno (center) presents the check to Mark McCormick, Veterans' Council chairman, and Ruth Bitzas, Agawam Veterans' Agent. Completion date for the gazebo is planned for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Donations may be made to the Ag. Gazebo Building Fund, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Two Lions Members Named For Service

Vincent Gallerani of 61 Oak Hill Avenue, Agawam, and Thomas Vella, 10 Alfred Court, Agawam, have been designated Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions Club International Foundation, in recognition for their commitment to serving the world community.

Named for the founder of the Lions Club International, Melvin Jones, the Fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is conferred on persons who demonstrate practical application of its motto: "We Serve."

Gallerani and Vella are members of the Agawam Lions Club, District 33-Y. Each recently received an appropriately designed plaque and a lapel pin acknowledging their humanitarian service.

As Melvin Jones Fellows, Gallerani and Vella become part of an international network of more than 45,000 recipients that spans nearly 121 countries and geographic areas.

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SAT SCORES - from Page 1...

Kozloski said in reviewing the report that "the biggest problem in 1991 was 40 percent of college English students scored below 400."

"I think we have to look educationally at those 63 students. And the same 40 percent again are scoring below 400 in math," she said.

Member Linda Galarneau said, "Maybe the math and English departments should be looking to see if what we offer (at AHS) is appropriate to what students from the junior high (tracking) are coming up from."

She added that the choices of only three selections (practical, college, or high ability) may not offer proper choices. Cavallo agreed by saying that in communities such as Longmeadow, the students have three levels of college English to choose from, as well as different levels of math.

Mrs. Galarneau added, "There may be a false reading with grade curves if the majority of students are really only getting C's and D's. Perhaps we need to do an in-house study."

Bruno said the suggestion for homogeneous grouping of perhaps two levels (A and B College) would be considered.

Cavallo also recommended that the high school initiate SAT prep courses for juniors and seniors and study skills courses that gave "basic essentials that lead to success."

Bruno said a study skills course at Agawam Middle School and an eighth grade class at the Junior High had been instituted this year. He added that "consideration for one at the high school" would also be "looked at."

Cavallo also recommended "outside reading" over the summer months, and "parental accountability" to get parents more involved and accepting the responsibility of educating their children.

"There must be a strong interest on the part of the parent," said Cavallo.

He discussed the new SAT which is coming out in a few years, saying, "Agawam will be one of 95 schools field testing the new SAT in Massachusetts with our juniors who are college-bound."

"Once they develop this test, I think the SAT will become more relevant to curriculum-based achievement," said Cavallo.

Check our classified pages

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Kids Product Of Environment

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Although it's true that our children must accept partial blame for their actions and activities, it is just as true that they are products of their environment.

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The following is a poem written by Joe Woody of Amesbury High School, as it was written and read at a recent graduation of D.A.R.E. officers in Danbury, Massachusetts.

Who Is To Blame?

We read in the papers and hear on the air, of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.

We sigh and say as we notice this trend, the younger generation, where will it end?
But can they be sure, it's our fault alone?
Are they less guilty who place in our way, too many things that lead us astray?
Too much money, too much idle time, too many movies of passion and crime.
Too many books, not fit to be read; too much evil in what we hear said.
Too many children encouraged to roam; too many parents who won't stay home.
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We don't make the liquor, we don't run the bars; we don't make the laws, and we don't make the cars.
We don't traffic in drugs that muddle the brain; that's done by older folks, greedy for gain.
Delinquent teenagers, oh how they condemn, the sins of a nation and blame it on them.
By the laws of the blameless, The Savior made known, who is among us to cast the first stone?
For in so many cases it's sad but it's true, the title "delinquent" fits older folks too!

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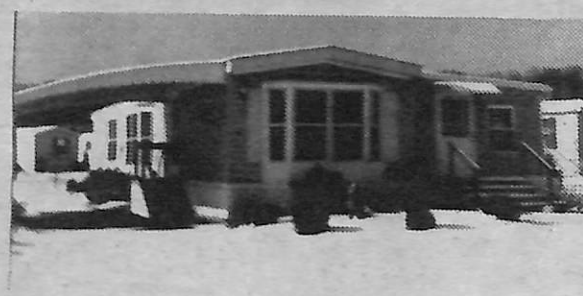
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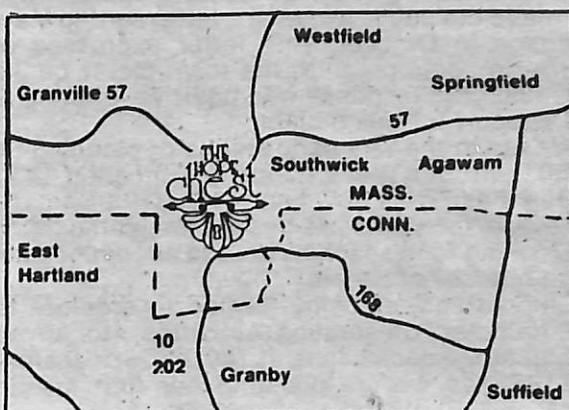
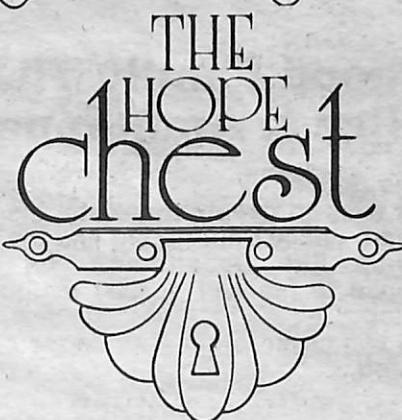
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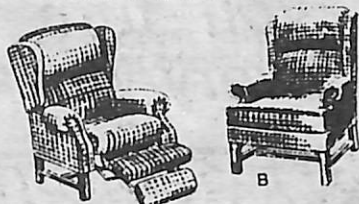
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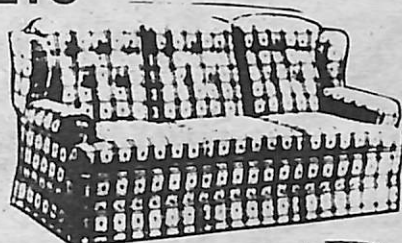
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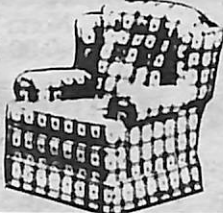
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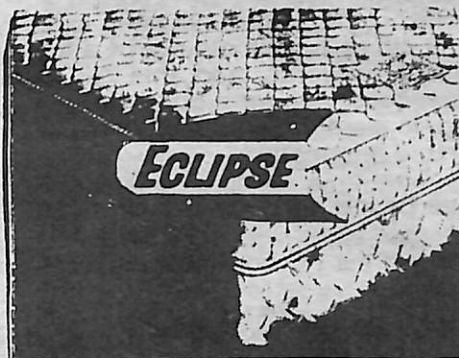
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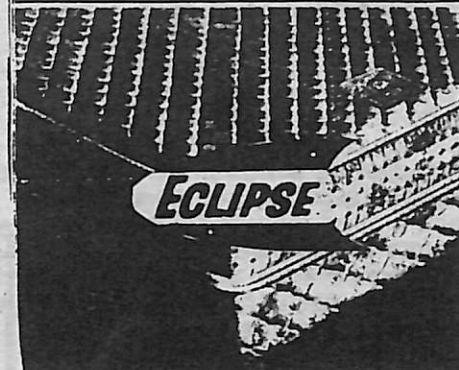
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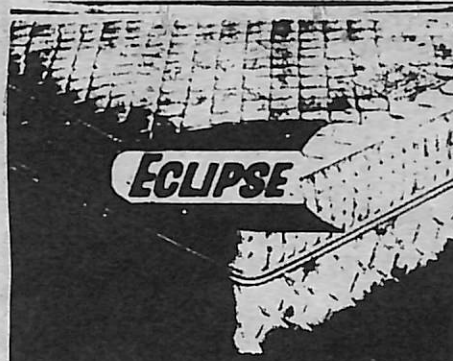
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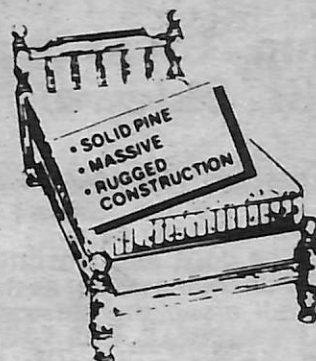
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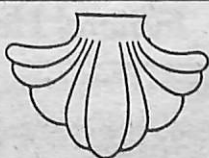
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Letters To The Editor

Confusion & Concern Caused By Icy Weather

To The Editor:

To Whom It May Concern:

After the confusion and concern that occurred on January 23rd, due to the icy weather and tardy school delay, the school bus drivers and monitors feel that the school authorities should take their position into consideration.

The drivers and monitors conscientiously reported at their scheduled time for work to find that school had been delayed.

More consideration for their time and inconvenience would be greatly appreciated. There should be no problem notifying the drivers and monitors of any school delays or cancellations.

Decisions of this nature should be made and announced before 6:00 a.m. to accommodate everyone concerned, including parents and teachers.

Sincerely,
Rita McLean
L.P.V.E.C. bus driver

Middle School Mom Thanked For Kindness

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the young mother from the Agawam Middle School for bringing and spreading salt over the sidewalk at the Bridge crossing station where I work.

I'd also like to thank the two gentlemen who stopped their cars and helped me up when I fell trying to reach the light signal to cross students. The ice storms last Thursday rendered the walk impassable, and I spent more time down than up.

The kindness of perfect strangers was most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Curry
Middle School crossing guard - Agawam Bridge

People Taking Advantage Of Suffield St. Sidewalk

To The Editor:

It is such a pleasure to see so many people taking advantage of the Suffield Street sidewalk by taking long healthy walks with their dogs.

I do know for a fact the dogs are benefitting from these walks more than their owners, as they are leaving "presents" all along the sidewalks and lawns.

As property owners, we are responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear of ice and snow. I do think it is a bit too much for us to have to clean up these dog "deposits" that are being left on the sidewalk and lawns.

We are not a bank. We do not give interest for "deposits" made.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!!!

Thank you,
Robert & Candace Iannarelli

Planning Underway For Annual July 4th Picnic

To The Editor:

On January 21st, 1992, we attended a Town Council meeting. During "Citizen Speak Time," we made the public aware of a letter sent to Mayor Johnson in October. This letter expressed our desire to again organize the town picnic on July 4th, 1992. His response was positive, offering his full support for this project.

We are in the very early stages of planning this event, with this year's theme being called "A 4th of July Fest."

Several locations are being considered, as we are looking for a spacious area to accommodate a large number of people.

Committees are being formed to organize the entertainment, decorating, activities, etc. Anyone interested may call Jane at 789-3402, or Joann at 786-1982, as we are planning our first meeting soon.

We would like to involve every group, club, organization, business and resident—everyone has something to offer.

Canisters will be put into area businesses to accept donations. A 4th of July would not be a true celebration without fireworks, and this can be done only through donations from our town.

We're looking forward to working with you. Please call for more information.

Sincerely,
Jane Dennis and Joann McGeoghan
Feeding Hills

Howard Minor Was A Good Friend To Many

To The Editor:

Agawam has lost a longtime resident and good friend to many. Not only his family feels the loss of Howard Minor, but also many people in town who have been acquainted with him.

Many years ago, as a young couple with four small children and limited resources, we needed repairs on our home and were lucky enough to find Howard. He was not only an expert craftsman in every area, but he was a kind humanitarian who charged for his services on the basis of family need.

Were Howard to have been paid for all he did for people, he would have been a wealthy man.

We have been honored to have been his friend and will miss this kind, interesting and talented man.

Robert and Melanie Stack
Columbus Street

Eagle Scout Candidate Praises Town Support

To The Editor:

For the past two months, I have been carrying out a service project to attain my Boy Scout Eagle Rank. My project consisted of collecting winter clothes and donating them to the West Springfield Open Pantry, thanks to the cooperation of Diane Crowell, who helped me finalize my project plan.

The Agawam Congregational Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, and Sacred Heart Church served as collection centers for donations. Mr. Malley at Hourglass Cleaners on Walnut Street in Agawam generously agreed to dry clean all the jackets that needed it, at no cost to me.

I would just like to thank all the above people and organizations, and all those people who made donations, without whom this project would not

have been possible.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the scouts and leaders in my troop who helped me whenever I needed it.

Sincerely,
Brandon Moore
Agawam

Osgood Family Thanks Police & Ambulance

To The Editor:

We wish to deeply thank the members of the Agawam Police Department and the EMT's of the Agawam Fire Department for their quick response to our call at 4:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

We will never forget your concern and comfort provided.

Sincerely,
Marion Osgood & Family
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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Returned Jr. High Funds Need Council OK For Trust Fund

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

A second meeting was held in the Faolin Peirce Room at the Police Station this past Monday night to gather input from Agawam citizens on the disbursement of remaining restitution money made to the town by former Junior High Principal Thomas O'Keefe. And Town Council will play the key role in deciding where most of the money is earmarked.

Following the meeting, which was attended by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and several School Committee members, it was decided that the bulk of the \$22,500 will be placed in an instructional Trust Fund to be established for the Agawam Public Schools. The Trust Fund was enacted this year by legislation sponsored and presented by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) and initiated by Feeding Hills resident Thomas Tierney over a year ago.

Town Council will be presented with this proposal at its Monday, February 3rd meeting. Council approval is a must before this money can be placed in the Instructional Trust Fund.

The trust fund would build a separate account of the town treasury to be increased by an annual percentage of interest each year (and held in trust by the town treasurer). Ninety percent of the accrued yearly interest would be used to purchase instructional materials with the principle remaining untouched.

According to the legislation that was signed last year by Governor William Weld, the trust fund will be managed by a board of trustees, which will include the superintendent of schools as chairman of the trustees; two members of the School Committee; two elementary and two secondary grade level teachers; one elementary and one secondary school administrator; and two elementary and two secondary school parents (appointed by the Mayor).

It is hoped that once this board of trustees is in operation, funds can be raised to build the principle balance in the account on a yearly basis, thereby adding to the interest money that can be spent on the schools.

Remaining Money

Johnson told the group Monday that \$20,200 remained in the returned funds after expenses incurred had been paid for (as ordered through the courts).

Junior High PTO President Susan Pettazzoni, who also serves on the School Committee, organized Monday night's meeting as well as a meeting held in the fall concerning these funds.

She told us, "At the first meeting people voted that the money should go back to its original intent. There was no PTO in existence at the Junior High when the principal ran the Student Activity Account. The money was supposed to be put towards the eighth grade field trip to Boston and the rest was used for educational materials."

Mrs. Pettazzoni added, "At Monday's meeting we agreed that we would like to utilize what is in place now (the \$22,500). That is how we determined the formal proposal that will go before Town Council (in writing) at this Monday's meeting."

Money Appropriated For Classes

In the written request for consideration, townspeople who attended Monday's meeting asked that \$500 be appropriated to each of the four classes presently at Agawam High School.

Mrs. Pettazzoni explained, "The classes of 1992, '93, '94, and '95 are the only students that were adversely affected in any way by this incident. We are asking that the \$500 per class be directed by the class advisors (faculty members) and class officers to benefit as many students as possible. That is our only stipulation - the money benefit as many students as possible in each of these four classes."

At the request of a faculty member present on Monday, \$300 will be designated for the Student Assistance Program at AHS that is available to students for confidential help in solving problems of any nature.

According to the core team responsible for this program, it can assist students with problems of alcohol or drug abuse, family matters, or self-esteem.

Councilor Willis Extends Hours For Public Input

Agawam Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis announced today that she is expanding her regular monthly office hours to include Saturday hours. Mrs. Willis currently holds office hours at the Agawam Senior Center the fourth Friday of every month.

Beginning Saturday, February 12th, Mrs. Willis will hold office hours at the Faolin Pierce Community Room at the Agawam Police Station on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. Mrs. Willis will be available from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., every second Saturday of the month throughout the year.

The Saturday hours will afford citizens another opportunity to consult with Mrs. Willis on a personal basis. Residents are urged to attend to express their concerns and opinions on the various issues facing the town.

During her campaign for reelection last fall, Mrs. Willis stressed her accessibility to the public. Expanded office hours is one method of maintaining that accessibility and communication with the public, she said.

"I was elected not only to express my views but those of my constituents as well," concluded Mrs. Willis.

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Ag. Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For Jan. 19th to 25th

On January 19th, **Joseph Batan**, 27 Grant Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Walter Zymroz.

On January 19th, **Bobby J. Dodge**, 23 Day Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, receiving stolen property, and attaching plates. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Detective Tom Marmo, and Steve Grasso.

On January 20th, **Ronald C. Harrison**, 4 Amherst Avenue, was arrested and charged with four counts of receiving stolen property, and outstanding warrants in Agawam, Chicopee, and West Springfield. Arresting officers were Edward Connors, Steve Grasso, and Sergeant Donald Loncto.

On January 21st, **Henry C. Schoolfield**, 120 Cambridge Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Paul Murphy.

On January 21st, **Kyle Torsello**, 46 Bigelow Avenue, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Hadley Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Mike Gruska.

On January 21st, **Michalina F. Zimmany**, 36 A. Amherst Road, Pelham, MA, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Detective Sergeant Ken Grady.

On January 23rd, **Andrew J. Tobias, Jr.**, 1162 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Slich, Ronald Brown, and Mark Pfau.

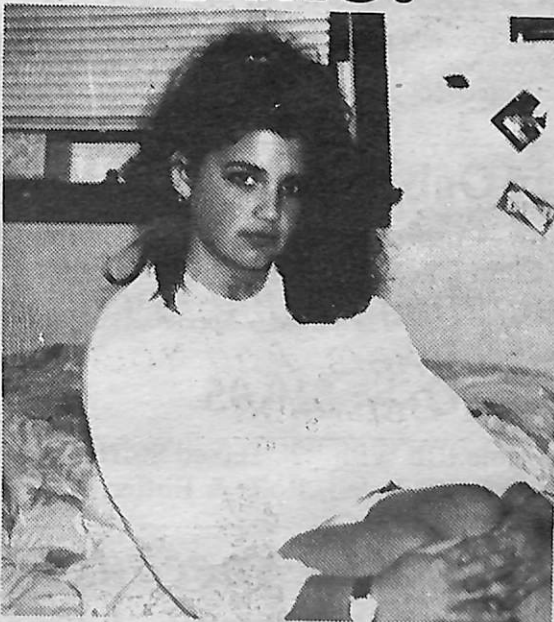
On January 24th, **Michael C. Feeney**, 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto, Mark Poggi, and Keith Bopko.

On January 25th, **Christopher Jabry**, 206 Northwest Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Jim Donovan.

On January 25th, **Michael F. Tassinari, Jr.**, 189 Northwest Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Weston Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Jim Donovan.

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for all the local news*

Happy 18th, Anne!



Love,
Mom, Dad, Mark,
Beth, & Kris

Town Council Agenda For February 3

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 1/21/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-1 - A Resolution Supporting the Filing of a Special Act Providing for the Financial Disclosure by Public Officials and Public Employees in the Town of Agawam (Coun. Willis). WOULD REQUIRE LOCAL OFFICIALS TO FILE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, AS IS PRESENTLY REQUIRED OF STATE OFFICIALS.

2. TR-92-2 - Resolution-Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Mass Relief Grant Application on Behalf of the Town of Agawam to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (Mayor). WOULD ALLOW THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANTING SHADE TREES. THE PROGRAM IS A 50% MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM, IN WHICH THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION CAN BE IN THE FORM OF IN-KIND SERVICES SUCH AS PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE.

3. TR-92-3 - Resolution-Supporting the Filling of Vacancies on the Town Council Occurring During the First Eighteen Months by Electing Unsuccessful Candidates Who Received the Highest Vote Totals at the Previous Regular Town Election (Coun. Bitzas). WOULD SUPPORT THE FILLING OF TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES AS DESCRIBED IN THE RESOLUTION AND NOT AS PRESENTLY DESCRIBED IN THE AGAWAM HOME RULE CHARTER, SECTION 2-6 (a).

4. TR-92-4 - Resolution-Authorizing the Formation of a Committee to Examine the Needs of Agawam's Senior Citizens and Recommend any Improvements in Services Offered to Senior Citizens by the Town of Agawam (Coun. Ennis). WOULD ALLOW THE FORMATION OF A THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF TOWN

COUNCILORS TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL COST-EFFECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

7. Elections

None

8. Public Hearings

None

9. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-1-Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 49, Art. II, Sec. 49-7, Sub-Sections 8 and 9(a) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Insp. of Weights & Measures) (Mayor) (1st Reading). WOULD MAKE THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES AN UNCLASSIFIED POSITION, WHICH WOULD BE PART-TIME AT A SALARY OF \$21,000 PER YEAR. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

2. TOR-92-2-Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 3, Art. III, Sec. 3-7, Sub-Sec. A of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Consumer Adv. Comm.) (Mayor) (1st Reading). WOULD DELETE THE INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMISSION AND INSTEAD PLACE THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

3. TOR-92-3-Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 12, Sec. 12-1, Sub-Sec. B of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Cable Television Advisory Commission) (Mayor) (1st Reading). WOULD CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMISSION BY DELETING THE INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES AS A MEMBER AND BY ADDING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/TOWN ELECTRICIAN AS A MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE TOWN OF AGAWAM'S CABLE TELEVISION LIAISON OFFICER. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

4. TOR-92-4-An Ordinance Establishing Temporary Handicap Permits (Coun. Russo) (1st Reading). WOULD PROVIDE TEMPORARY HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS THROUGH THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO THOSE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

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Families

Area DAR To Meet On Centennial

Mrs. Allen K. Little (Dianne) of Agawam, Regent, has announced that the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Guild Room of Faith Church on Sumner Avenue and Ft. Pleasant Street, Springfield.

A tea will be held at 12:15 p.m., hosted by the Executive Board incorporating the Centennial theme, which will include an American Heritage display of NSDAR momentos.

The program of the day, presented by Vice Regent Mrs. David R. Cahill (Elizabeth) of Wilbraham, will be a video presentation commissioned by the National Society to commemorate the Centennial Year.

The meeting will also celebrate American History Month under the chairmanship of Mrs. John W. Brettman (Anthea) of Longmeadow. Over 300 essays entitled "Famous Women of the American Revolution" were received, with winning essays sent to the Massachusetts State Society as part of the statewide contest.

Persons interested in membership in the Mercy Warren Chapter should contact Mrs. William A. Roan (Marion) of Longmeadow at 567-5771, or Mrs. Little at 786-9268.

Laughing Brook Has Feb. Sundays

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA, is continuing its series of "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" each Sunday in February at 2:00 p.m.

These hour-long family programs provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16; and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members.

Laughing Brook is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The wildlife exhibit area is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* **February 2nd - Winter Sleep:** Who's sleeping the winter away? On Groundhog Day, learn about local wildlife that spend this season snoozing.

* **February 9th - New England Wildlife in Winter:** Hawks, foxes, owls and deer all remain active in winter. Find out about their strategies for surviving this rigorous season.

* **February 16th - Insects in Winter:** Just when you thought your life was insect-free, visit Laughing Brook to learn about cold-blooded, six-legged creatures that don't mind the cold.

* **February 23rd - Nature Tales:** Shake off the cold of winter with an hour of stories. Listen to captivating tales about woodland characters by authors old and new.

For further information on "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

Two Lions Honored As Jones Fellows



TWO AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS were recently honored as Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions International. This is the highest awarded given by the organization for outstanding and dedicated service. **IN TOP PHOTO** pictured are recipient Vincent Gallerani and his family at the awards ceremony held at Storowton Tavern. From left - Alfred Gallerani, Edward Gallerani, Lorraine Gallerani Labun, Vincent (winner), Arthur Gallerani, and Alan Gallerani. **PHOTO BELOW**, recipient Thomas Vella with his family - from left - Paul Vella, Thomas, Mary Vella, and Lions Club President John Negrucci. Advertiser

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MR. & MRS. THOMAS E. CRONIN

Gina F. Ferraro Weds Mr. Cronin

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for the December 21st, 1991 wedding of Gina F. Ferraro and Thomas E. Cronin.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Ferraro of 17 Henry Street, Feeding Hills, and the late Joseph R. Ferraro. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cronin of 171 Belvidere Street, Springfield.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Jodi Vecchiarelli. Bridesmaids included friends Sue Douglass Dadmun, Sue Shayda Bradley, Doreen Sardella Dower, Sharon Barker and Carole Brady. Dodi Greene also served as a bridesmaid to her cousin. Marisa Vecchiarelli served as flower girl.

Greg Cronin served his brother as best man. Ushers included Jay Cronin, Stephen Cronin, Michael Cronin, Bill St. John, Bill Fitzgerald and Phil Vecchiarelli. Junior ushers were Tommy Cronin, Brian Cronin and Steven Vecchiarelli. Danny Cronin served as ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and North Adams State College, where she earned a B.A. in psychology. She earned a Master's Degree in education from American International College. She is employed by the Suffield Public Schools as a third grade teacher.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cathedral High School and North Adams State College, where he earned a B.S. in business administration. He is a sales representative for American Class.

Following a honeymoon to St. Kitts in the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Agawam.

Ag. Congo Church Lists Feb. Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces the following events that are going to be held during the month of February:

There will be an All Church Budget meeting on Sunday, February 2nd, immediately following the Worship Service.

A New Member Class will begin Thursday, February 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church is welcome to attend.

All post high school single adults are invited to attend a Singles Dessert and Game Night on Sunday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert and board game and join the fun.

Leap Year Dance - Saturday, February 29th: A pot luck supper will be held by the Saturday Night Live Group (adults 18-105 yrs. young)—everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship and dancing. Bring your favorite record and our youth will be D.J.'s and will spin it for you.

The Wednesday night Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. will continue throughout the year. This half-hour informal service with Communion precedes the RELATE Bible Study.

The RELATE Bible Study series continues every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Together we will R.E.L.A.T.E.: Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God.

On February 21st, during the February school vacation, the Agawam Congregational Church will be sponsoring a one-day Vacation Bible Camp.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. for ages three, four, and kindergarten, and end at 3:00 p.m. for those in grades one through six. The theme will be "Rise and shine... and give God your glory, glory!"

All children from the three year-olds to sixth grade are invited to come and enjoy themselves. The day will be filled with games, songs, crafts, and scripture!

The cost is \$4 for ages three, four, and kindergarten; \$5 for grades one through six; and a maximum of \$12 for a family with three or more children attending.

Volunteers are needed, and childcare will be provided for teachers/helpers/aides. For further information or to volunteer to help with this project, please call the church office at 786-7111; or, to register, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430, or Patrick Decoteau at 789-1155.

Ag. Tour Planners Head For Delaney

The Agawam Tour Planners will offer the following trip to the general public—a perfect short day trip to the Delaney House to see the show "Sweetheart's Revue," on Tuesday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

You will enjoy an "all you can eat" family style luncheon. There will be beef, poultry, and fish. The cost is \$34 inclusive (bus, meal, show, taxes and gratuity).

For more information or reservations, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or Helen Blanchard, 786-9859. Reservations can also be made at the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.



MR. & MRS. EUGENE ARSENAULT, JR.

Kelly A. Consolini Weds Mr. Arsenault

Kelly Ann Consolini and Eugene Arsenault, Jr., were married October 12th, 1991, at Mittineague United Methodist Church in West Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Lee Damon of 31 Oleander Street, West Springfield, and Ronald Consolini of 1095 Westfield Street, West Springfield. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Alyce Damon of Park Avenue Court, West Springfield.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Arsenault of 44 Ley Street, Agawam.

Lori Wood attended the bride as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Arsenault, sister of the groom, Karen Thornton, and Melinda Hoth.

Richard Rindels served as best man. Ushers were Kent Consolini, brother of the bride, Brian Arsenault, brother of the groom, and Michael Knight.

A reception followed at the Sheraton-Monarch Place, Springfield.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and California, and currently reside in Feeding Hills.

The bride graduated from West Springfield High School, Holyoke Community College, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is an Interior Designer.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is self-employed.

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Agawam Sr. Center Lunch Menu

Monday, February 3rd: Mine-strone, American chop suey, tossed salad, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, February 4th: Birthday Celebration - Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, zucchini, Canadian oat bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, February 5th: Liver & onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, peaches.

Thursday, February 6th: Shepherd's pie, green beans, oatmeal bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, February 7th: Baked scrod, rice Florentine, pickled beets, rye bread, pears.

Using Electricity Safely Stressed

It is hard to imagine a life without electricity—it lights our homes, cooks our food and makes our work easier.

However, when proper safety precautions are neglected, electricity can present great danger. About 700 Americans die every year as a result of electric shock and hundreds more die in electrical fires.

Tate Berkan, President of the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts, offers these suggestions for electrical safety:

—Make sure you buy electrical tools or appliances that have been approved by Underwriters Laboratories. Look for the "UL" label. Appliances should have clearly marked controls, and electrical tools should have three-pronged plugs (unless they are double-insulated).

—Plug in portable appliances only when you intend to use them. Otherwise, disconnect and store them appropriately.

—Disconnect appliances by grasping the plug, not the cord. When disconnecting an appliance with a removable cord, unplug from the wall first, then from the product.

—Keep flammable materials—clothing, curtains, paper—away from lamps, heating devices and hot surfaces.

—If an appliance has a three-pronged plug, don't try to use it in a two-slot outlet by cutting off the third prong.

—Install a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in circuits requiring outdoor outlets, for equipment such as electric lawn mowers, hedge clippers and snowblowers. Use a GFCI for circuit-serving areas where dampness may occur, such as a basement, laundry room and bathroom.

—Be on the lookout for damaged wires and loose or broken plugs. Don't twist, bind or cut any cord. Be sure cords are not placed under furniture or rugs where they could be crushed.

—If an appliance sparks, stalls, gives a shock or is hot to the touch, unplug it immediately and have it repaired or replaced.

—If you have small children, cover wall outlets with plastic safety caps (available at hardware stores). Teach children not to insert any objects into an electrical outlet.

Check our classified pages today!!!

Agawam Library Has Valentine Story Time

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, February 12th, or Thursday, February 13th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., for a Valentine Story and Craft Time.

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Feb. Calendar For Golden Age Clubs

February 5th - Chapter 2: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

February 7th - Chapter 1: Board of Directors meeting at the Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

February 12th - Chapter 1: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a Valentine Party. Entertainment will be provided by the East Longmeadow Singers.

February 19th - Chapter 2: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with guest entertainer Cliff Gibson.

February 26th - Chapter 1: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a guest speaker giving an "Arm Chair Travelogue."

February 28th - Chapter 2: Board of Directors meeting at the Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

Community Grange Has Feb. Card Parties

As everyone knows, Thursdays in January were not all good for getting out to play cards. However, February 6th and 20th should be just right to attend the parties at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Joan Comee and Barbara Pronovost will direct the playing (starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.), award many groceries as prizes, and serve refreshments. Almost everyone receives a prize, so come to test your luck and skill at playing progressive whist.



AGAWAM UNICO already is making plans for a benefit Spaghetti Supper in April. UNICO President Louis Russo (left) discusses the event with the three co-chairmen - Ron Lalancette, Jim Willis, and Tom Leahy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Planning Spaghetti Supper

The Agawam Chapter of Unico National has announced that the organization will hold its 30th Annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Wednesday, April 8th, during the hours of 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The price of the tickets this year will be \$4 for adults; the price for children under 12 years of age will be free (if they are accompanied by an adult). Proceeds from this event will help finance ac-

tivities of the organization.

Unico, the largest Italian-American service organization in America, has participated in a number of Agawam activities in the past year, including the children's Halloween party at Robinson Park School, a food and toy giveaway to needy families at Christmas time, as well as contributing to several charities.

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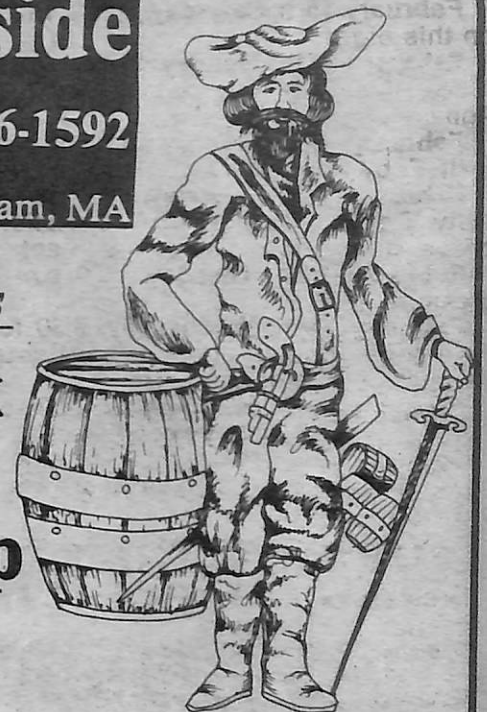
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Ag. Senior Center List Of Events For Month Of February

February 1st, Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Nite Bingo. Kitchen opens 5:45 p.m.

February 3rd, Monday: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Class registration renewal.

February 3rd, Monday: 12:45 p.m. Movie Monday. Feature - "Anchors Aweigh."

February 3rd, Monday: 1:00 p.m. Cards. Learn a new game: Crazy Whist.

February 4th, Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

February 4th, Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Class registration renewal.

February 4th, Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. Birthday Recognition. By reservation.

February 4th, Tuesday: Free blood pressure clinic, A-L.

February 5th, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance, courtesy of AARP. By appointment.

February 5th, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes.

February 5th, Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Final day for class registration.

February 7th, Friday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Diabetic screening with Mrs. Marialyse Rivers, R.N.

February 8th, Saturday: Saturday Nite Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m.

February 10th, Monday: 12:45 p.m. Monday Movie - "True Grit" with John Wayne.

February 10th, Monday: 1:00 p.m. Cards. Learn a new game: Crazy Whist.

February 10th, Monday: 7:30 p.m. Second Annual Pool Tournament. Senior Center Men's Pool Club vs. Agawam High School Seniors.

February 11th, Tuesday: Special Program - "How To Enjoy Talking About Money," with Mr. Howard Singer, financial advisor.

February 12th, Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Conversation with Councilor Nancy Gravel.

February 13th, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Podiatry with Dr. Salem, by appointment.

February 14th, Friday: 12:00 noon. Special Sweetheart Luncheon Dance, by reservation. Donation: \$3.50 per person.

February 14th, Friday: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Conversation with Councilor Tom Ennis.

February 15th, Saturday: There will be no Bingo on this night.

February 17th, Monday: Senior Center closed.

February 18th, Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. Council on Aging meeting.

February 18th, Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. SHINE, by appointment.

February 18th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. Special Activity Day - "Card Party." Donation: \$1, table prizes, door prizes, and refreshments.

February 18th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure, M-Z.

February 19th, Wednesday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Anthony Bonavita or associate.

February 19th, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance, by appointment.

February 21st, Friday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Office hours of Representative Michael Walsh. No appointment needed.

February 22nd, Saturday: Saturday Nite Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m.

February 24th, Monday: 12:45 p.m. Monday Movies - "The Yearling."

February 25th, Tuesday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan.

February 26th, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance, by appointment.

February 26th, Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00

Helping With Town Census Taking



GETTING ENVELOPES ready to be mailed to residents for the Town Census, supervised by the Town Clerk's Office, are, from left - Rose Palazzi, Carolyn Widmer, and Pauline Mercadante. The women helped to stuff the envelopes at the Agawam Senior Center for the mailing (forms went out two weeks ago).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

p.m. Free eye exams with Community Eye Care. By appointment.

February 26th, Wednesday: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Let's Dance" Night. Donation: \$2.50 per person, and \$4 per couple.

February 27th, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commodities distribution. Zip code 01001 at the Senior Center; zip 01030 at Sacred Heart Church.

February 28th, Friday: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Conversation with Councilor Joanne Willis.

February 29th, Saturday: Saturday Nite Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m.

WHAT "FRIENDS" OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER IS DOING

The first 1992 board meeting was held on Wednesday morning, January 8th. Friends' volunteer board members are enthusiastic and ready to move forward to a busy year with some exciting fundraising events.

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for "Let's Dance," the first senior dance of 1992, on Wednesday, February 26th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Dance to the musical sounds of "Libby Campa" on the keyboard. Admission is \$2.50 per person, and \$4 per couple. "Let's Dance" will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Friends continues to move forward with a spring dinner at the Hu Ke Lau. Stay tuned to the Senior Scene for details on upcoming events.

Friends appreciates your support and looks forward to your continued participation in this year's fundraising events. Friends is accepting 1992 membership dues.

CLASS REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Class registration renewal will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (February 3rd, 4th, and 5th), at the Agawam Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. New students are encouraged to sign up for the spring semester at this time.

Classes are **not restricted** to Agawam residents only; the only requirement is that students be 60 years and over. For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242, activities department.

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SENIOR CENTER - from Page 11...**VALENTINE PARTY**

It's time to kick up your heels at the Senior Center Sweetheart Luncheon Dance on Friday, February 14th. On the menu is fresh pork roast, the fixings, and a special "sweetheart" dessert, all prepared by Betty and her crew.

The music, for your dancing and listening pleasure, is by Fred and Dan. Seating is limited. Please make your reservations early. Donation is \$3.50 per person.

ENJOY TALKING ABOUT MONEY

The Agawam Senior Center will be offering a seminar series on how to enjoy talking about money. The objective is to give power to retired or close-to-retired individuals so they can confidently be in control of their financial situation and their financial advisors.

Come and learn how to talk the language. The first in the series is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Howard E. Singer, financial advisor, will be conducting the series. The seminars will be ongoing and scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

Space is limited and reservations are suggested. For more information, you may call 786-0400, extension 242. Ask for Sandra.

HOT TOPIC

Here is a preview of a current popular topic: "Building A Better Health And Long Term Care System." A representative of AARP (the American Association of Retired Persons), Mr. Bob Northgraves, will be presenting a seminar on the subject, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Are you interested in a better health care plan? This will be a good time to let your opinions be heard. Mark your calendar—Wednesday, March 18th, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, 786-0400, ext. 242. Ask for Sandra Smith.

SENIOR DANCES ARE HERE!!!

Grab your partner and friends, because the Senior Center is going to start jumping, beginning Wednesday, February 26th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and every fourth Wednesday thereafter.

We are proud to have Libby Campa as one of

the area's better known musicians. Admission is \$2.50 per person, and \$4 per couple. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242. Ask for Sandra Smith, activities director.

PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES

The Agawam Senior Center offers a very interesting class on photography techniques led by Ed Bassett every Monday at 1:00 p.m. It covers all phases of photography—from choosing and the care of your camera, getting the best pictures, to matting and framing.

The vacation season is coming, so why not be ready to take the best snapshots ever. All seniors are welcome. Sign up at the Senior Center during class registration on February 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or call 786-0400, ext. 242. Ask for Sandra Smith, activities director.

THE SENIOR GAMES

The Senior Games are going to be held this summer at Springfield College, June 26th and 27th. There will be both team and individual competition.

The following events are expected to be available: basketball, bowling (ten pin), field (high jump, javelin, long jump, pole vault, shot put), golf, table tennis, tennis (singles and doubles), swimming, track (dash, run, race walk), volleyball, and shuffleboard.

We would like to send representatives to the games from the Agawam Senior Center. We are working on getting together bowling, both ladies' and men's. Let us know who would like to participate in bowling or any other event listed above. Candlepin bowling is also offered, even though it is not offered at the nationals.

Complete information on the Senior Games is not available at this writing. Registration, costs, and dates of registration will be publicized. It is expected to be \$20 (approximately) for registration in the middle of May.

It is the first time these games have been held in the state of Massachusetts. Let's show our support. All seniors are welcome to join in the games. If you cannot enter the games, spectators are welcome at no charge.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242. Ask for Janice Schermerhorn, volunteer coordinator, or Sandra Smith, activities director.

Small Frydays At Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of Holyoke has announced its listing of Small Frydays programs for the month of February.

Small Frydays is a program designed just for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Each Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, is a time for the children to enjoy the museum, and no groups are scheduled to visit the museum.

The following workshops are presented each Small Fryday at 10:45 and 11:30 a.m.:

* **February 7th - Music to my Ears:** We will have lots of samples of musical instruments from around the world and plenty of time to try out a few of them. For ages three and up.

* **February 14th - Peg O' My Heart:** It's Valentine's Day! Make one for your favorite sweetie and munch on some edible ones, too. For ages 2½ and up.

* **February 21st - Exploring our Senses: SOUND:** All kinds of fun activities to test your ears. Do you hear what I hear? For ages three and up. (Please note: This is school vacation week; there will be older children in the museum.)

* **February 28th - Street Scenes:** Talk about neighborhoods and play some neighborhood games. Activities may include a story and magnet games. For ages three and up.

Reservations are needed and can be made the week of the workshop. The workshop fee is \$2 for non-members, and \$1.50 for members.

Admission to the museum is \$3 per person (\$2.50 for senior citizens). Children under one and members are free. The Children's Museum is located at 444 Dwight Street, adjacent to Holyoke Heritage State Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 413-536-KIDS.

Famous Supper At F.H. Congo Feb. 15

Operation Friendship of America is holding one of its famous roast beef suppers on Saturday, February 15th, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Servings will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of juice, salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, beverage, and dessert.

Please come and help support a non-profit organization raise money to send local students to Europe this summer. It's a great learning experience.

For reservations, call Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; Kathy Rose, 786-0195; or Wess Mueller, 789-1757.

Operation Friendship At F.H. Congo To Hold Feb. 1st Tag & Bake Sale

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is having a Tag & Bake Sale, Saturday, February 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Operation Friendship is an international youth cultural exchange program. It is a non-profit organization to encourage international friendship and understanding between American and

European youth.

This past summer, the Feeding Hills Chapter hosted 15 youths from Scotland. All activities were paid for from fundraising.

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Adoration Society To Meet Feb. 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. Louis de France Church, Main Street, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, February 7th, from 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8th.

Father W. Donald Fournier, pastor, opens the event with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Assisting Father Fournier are Alfred Mutti, society secretary, and Robert Baj, group leader.

All are invited. Membership is open to men, women, boys, and girls to provide a human response to Christ's human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethsemane.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Prospective members my contact Father Fournier, Una Trudel at 733-8026, or Alfred L. Mutti, 733-0167.

Pattons Announce Birth Of Daughter

Randall and Barbara Patton of Chicopee are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Nicole Shannon Patton.

She was born December 17th, 1991 at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield, weighing 8 pounds, one ounce.

Her maternal grandparents are Rena Shannon and the late William Shannon of Chicopee. Her paternal grandparents are Arthur and Carolyn Patton of Warren, Rhode Island.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Esther Patton of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Mrs. Mary Leonard of Fall River, MA.

Ag. Library Has Craft Table

The Agawam Public Library will be offering another great "Do-It Yourself Craft Table" on Saturday, February 3rd, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Come when it's convenient, pick up a packet at the circulation desk and create at your own pace out at the table in our foyer. This month's craft will make a king or queen out of you. To figure out the puzzle, call 789-1550 or stop by the library at 750 Cooper Street and reserve a ticket. The program is designed for ages three and up.

Sarah M. Watson Born Jan. 7th

Robert W. Watson and Deborah A. Picciuto of 3 Meridian Parkway, Malden, Massachusetts, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Sarah Mari.

She was born on January 7th, 1992, and weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Joseph and Claire Picciuto of 26 Lindor Road, North Reading, MA. Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Elaine Watson, Jr., of 271 Elm Street, Agawam.

Mended Hearts To Meet Feb. 5th

The Mended Hearts, Inc., Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone who is anticipating cardiac surgery, or has undergone cardiac surgery, is welcome to attend this support group's meeting with family or friends. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.

The special event for the evening will be an anniversary meeting.

Sewing Guild At Library Feb. 1st

The Springfield/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Sewing Guild presents Sewing Video Day, February 1st, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

The afternoon will feature **Sew Again - a Refresher Course** by Nancy Zieman of the nationally syndicated show, *Sewing with Nancy*.

Sew Again teaches the latest quick and simple techniques for sewers that are a little rusty. The video covers techniques for perfect neckline and armhole facings, inserting lapped zippers, perfect buttonholes, sewing with knits, professional looking waistbands and gathering fabrics.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge. More information on the Guild's Video Day and the American Sewing Guild is available from Tansie Broska at 783-8868.

The American Sewing Guild is a nonprofit organization of home sewers. Its purpose is to provide information, education and programs to its members and the community. Membership in the Guild is open to all.

F.H. Women's Club Plan To Meet February 5th

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will hold its next meeting on February 5th, at the Grange Hall on North West Street, Feeding Hills, at 7:30 p.m.

The program is most entertaining. We are having the Baptist Church Bell Ringers. Don't miss this meeting and bring a friend.

Thelma Horenstein, club president, will give our guests a most cordial welcome.

Greniers Announce Birth Of New Son, Michael

Shawn and Cris Grenier wish to announce the birth of their son, Michael Anthony Grenier, who was born on Tuesday, January 28th, 1992.

Michael weighed in at eight pounds, 6 3/4 ounces. The proud grandparents are Anthony and Irene Liquori, and Emile and Virginia Grenier, all of Agawam.

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Spotlight On Business

USA Super Fitness Continues Growth In Health Fitness

Dan Saimerl of Feeding Hills, owner and operator of **USA Super Fitness** on 125 Capital Drive, West Springfield, is delighted about the continued strong growth of his health club.

Saimerl, a 1977 graduate of West Springfield High School, has 15 years of experience in the field of weight training. He served for four years in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He received a good conduct medal and the Army Accommodation Medal before receiving an honorable discharge in 1981. Saimerl received some of his experience in weight training while in the service as well as managing a local club for eight years.

Saimerl specializes in private training. He enjoys working one-on-one with people in a goal-oriented program.

He says all programs at **USA Super Fitness** are designed for beginners who fall into many different categories. "We start people on a general program which is gradually tailored to individual needs and also to provide the basic benefits of exercising. This works simultaneously so that our members have basic conditioning without stiffness or soreness.

"Muscles are toned and shaped so that when outer fat disappears, the physique is properly proportioned. The programs are so easy that members actually have fun going through them," he said.

Saimerl says that programs are designed to advance members in a gradual, systematic style so by the end of the third month, the member is doing three times the activity. "This shows tremendous improvement because this means that their bodies are then capable of three times the activity they started with.

"Another important factor about our programs is that there are automatic changes made and new exercises added. This eliminates boredom and holds interest. Our programs achieve results



USA SUPER FITNESS, owned and operated by Feeding Hills resident Dan Saimerl, is located at 125 Capital Drive, West Springfield. The facility offers a large array of programs fitted for members of the entire family. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

for everyone because we are constantly encouraging, assisting, and providing excellent service to our members," added Saimerl.

USA Super Fitness has no initiation or enrollment fees. One year memberships can be financed with only \$49 down and payments of \$27.93 or \$18.62 on a monthly basis. Family discounts and student and groups discounts are available. All are offered one free trial visit. "This makes it easier to make up your mind. By trying out the equipment, you have a better feel for our facility," said Saimerl.

USA Super Fitness has a fine pro shop stocked

with items needed for your workout.

The facility is equipped with and offers the following: stair machines, olympic free weights, Peffer athletic machines, Nautilus, Universal, life cycles, treadmill, rowing machines, Schwinn Air Dyne, step aerobics, high and low impact aerobics, abdomen classes, dry sauna, tanning, babysitting, private training, fitness analysis, fat analysis, and nutritional programs.

The co-ed club is open seven days. Saimerl and his wife, Patricia have two daughters, Gina, 6, and Jessica, 1.

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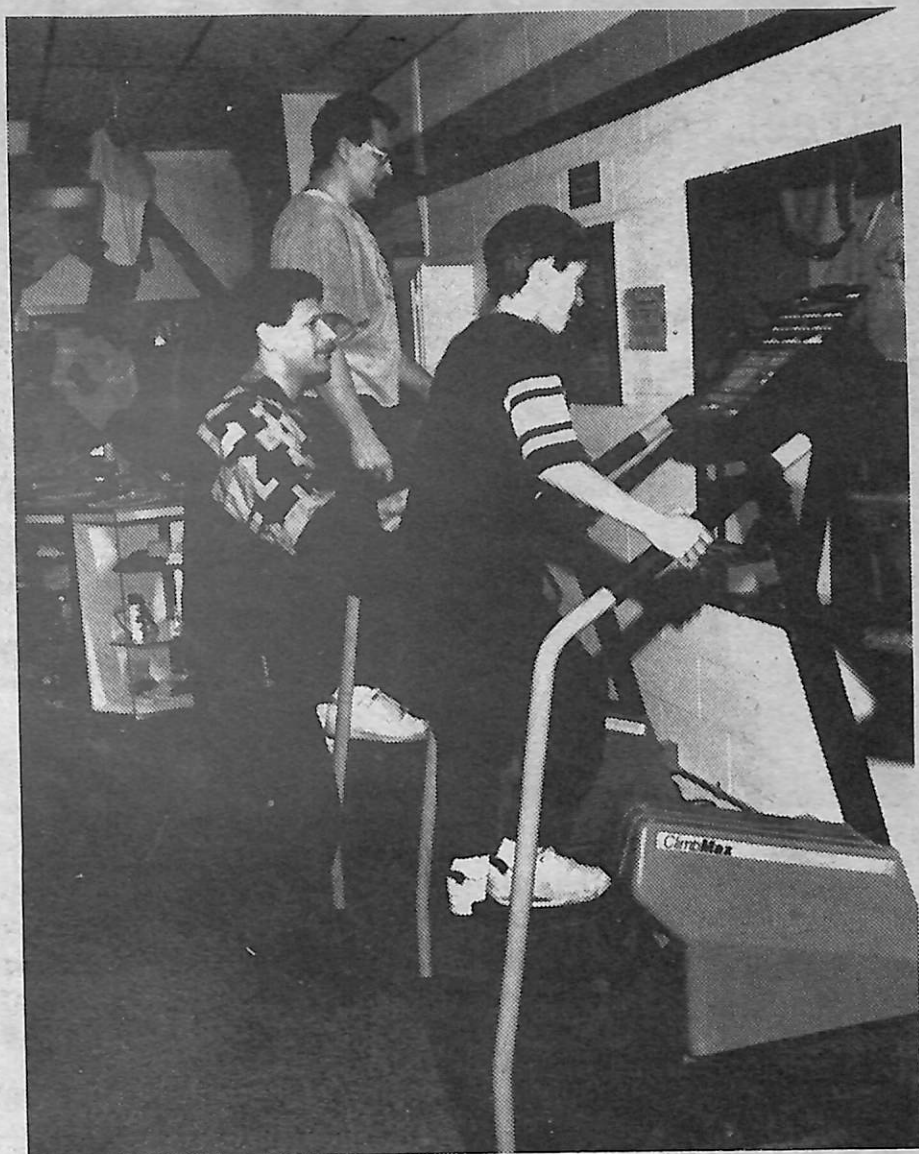
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Spotlight on Business - continued...

Get Into Shape At USA Super Fitness



OVER AT USA SUPER FITNESS in West Springfield, owner and operator Dan Saimer (left photo, in front of machines) gives instruction to two of the club's members; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Dan's two children, Jessica and Gina enjoy the playroom which offers babysitting services. RELATED PHOTOS AND STORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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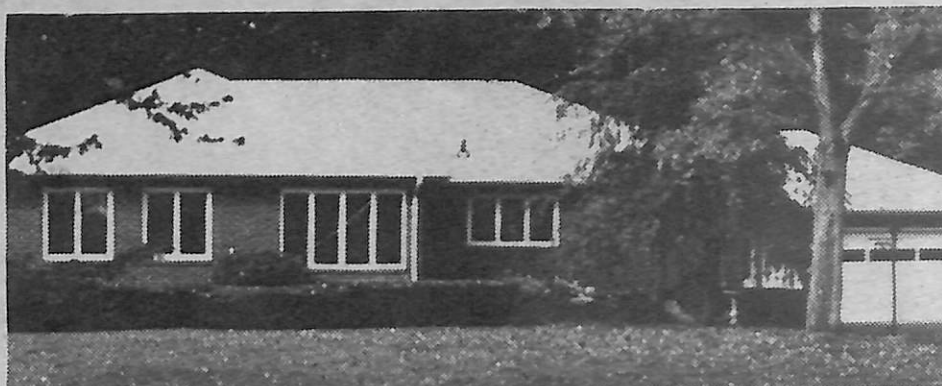
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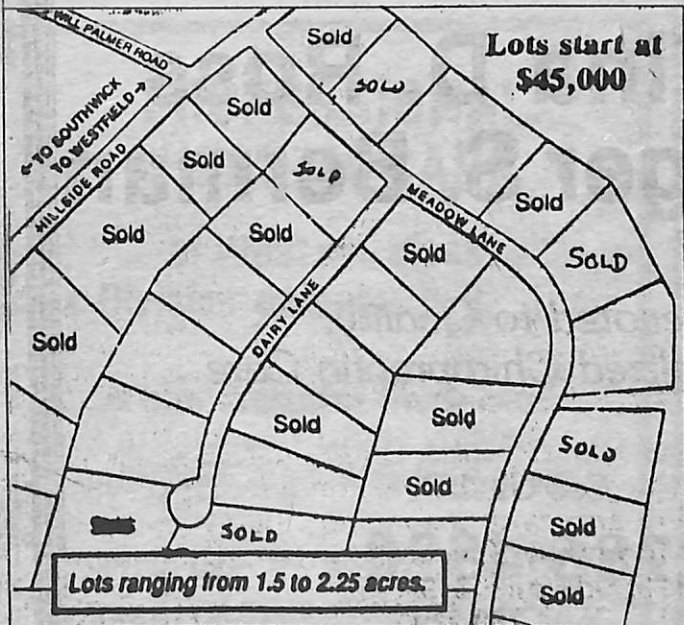
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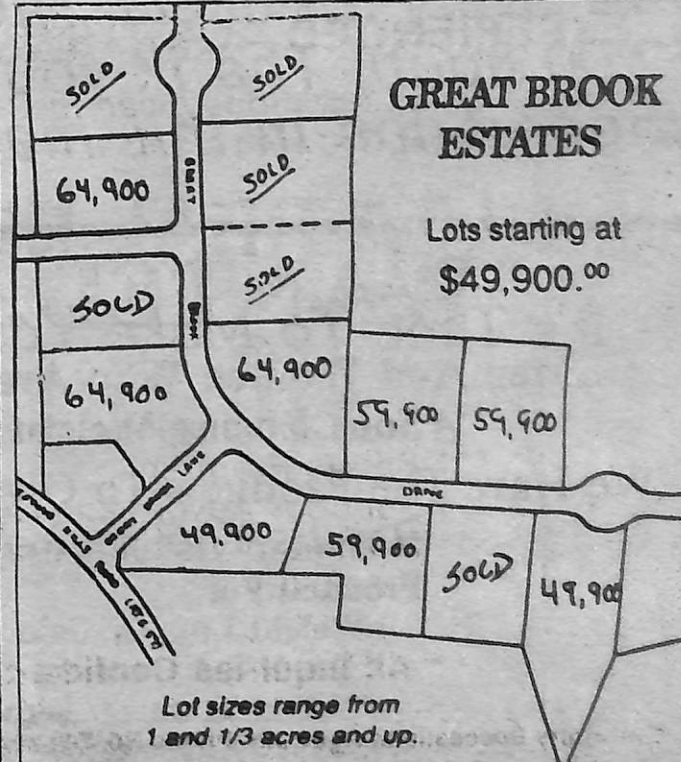
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Spotlight on Business - continued...

F.H. Resident Authors Book On Buying A Home

When finance/marketing consultant and local author Raymond Rose wrote his book, "The Secrets of How to Buy Your First House...Now!", he realized that it would aid hundreds of apartment renters who wanted to take advantage of the opportunities available in today's real estate market.

What he did not realize was that hundreds of **move up buyers** were also looking for specific instructions from a **non-biased, well-informed** individual. Thus, Rose has just released his latest booklet—"The Secrets of How to Buy Your Next House...Now!"

Both books give step-by-step information about pre-qualifying for a loan; the offer to purchase and purchase and sales agreement; the mortgage application; the structural and termite inspections; the appraisal, closing costs, loan programs, interest rates, points; dealing with your attorney, the banker, the real estate agent and/or buyer's broker; common real estate myths; homebuyer's checklist; amortization chart; and much more.

In addition, **first time buyers** can learn the secrets of how to buy a house using none of your own money, how to have a mortgage payment as low as a rental payment, and comparing a single family home to a multi-family house.

For move up buyers, you'll learn why it's critical to become pre-qualified for a loan **before** putting your house up for sale, how to sell your home for full appraised value, and much more.

Both books offer the buyer the ability to become pre-qualified for a mortgage from home, **ABSOLUTELY FREE**, including a credit check. Also, each book contains free coupons and gift certificates worth over \$1,500 from an attorney, a termite inspector, structural inspector, several hardware stores, a locksmith, a mortgage company, a builder, a lawn mower servicing company, a remodeling company, a carpet cleaner, free keys, free scatter rugs, an appliance company, cable TV company, and much more.

These special free and discount coupons cannot be found in any other publication.

Rose makes a point to say that "anyone can use these coupons...you don't have to buy a house to use these certificates." All this, plus a 120% **IRON-CLAD MONEY BACK GUARANTEE** if you are not completely satisfied.

"Why didn't somebody think of this before?" asks one book buyer. "For less than the price of a small pizza, the book does exactly what it says...tells you how to intelligently buy a house in today's market."

Raymond Rose gained his experience in the field during his 18-year business career. As a district manager for a Fortune 500 company and a private investor, Rose has purchased and sold dozens of home.



RAYMOND ROSE

"I've always said that people are uncomfortable doing something that they know very little about...they're afraid of making a mistake that could cost them thousands of dollars." One of his attorneys gave him the idea of writing an easy to read, but effective book of specific home buying procedures. Thus the idea for the book was born.

"I'm very pleased...it really makes me feel good knowing that my book is guiding so many people in achieving the American Dream. Even with today's slow economic times, people are taking advantage of these extremely low interest rates and the drop in home prices."

As a result of his success, Rose has had requests from local businesspeople wanting to advertise in his book, while others want to have these books available to sell to their customers. To accommodate these individuals, Rose has set up a dealer discount schedule, complete with various selling ideas.

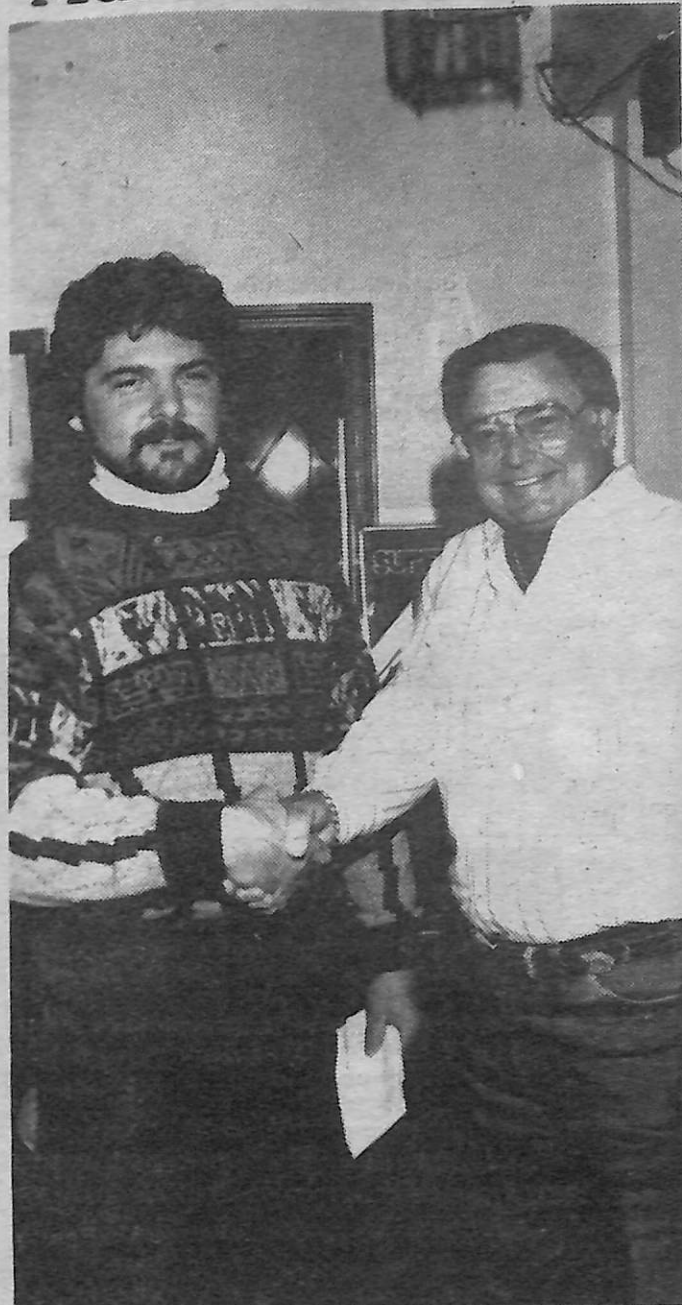
Interested parties can purchase a copy of either book, with the **FREE** at home mortgage pre-qualification, all the free/discount coupons and the iron-clad money back guarantee, for only \$6.95, plus \$2 for tax, shipping and handling.

"I've priced the books low enough so that everyone can afford this information...besides, there's one coupon which is redeemable for five free keys...this coupon alone pays for the cost of the book...after that, everything else is free."

Rose will rush the book to you within 48 hours; simply mail a check or money order to Raymond Rose, P.O. Box 487, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

For more specific information, call 789-5311 and listen to the 24-hour recorded info message, or call him personally at 786-5241.

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For Your Health

What The Public Should Know About Rabies

by the Agawam Health Department

When rabies reaches Massachusetts, don't be unduly alarmed. The following simple precautions will reduce your risk of exposure.

1. Vaccinate your pets against rabies, especially cats. Because they are hunters by nature, cats are the most likely bridge between humans and rabid wildlife. Even cats that spend their lives indoors should be vaccinated; they may get out accidentally. The cost of not vaccinating your pet could be very high, as unvaccinated pets that may have been exposed to rabies will be immediately euthanized.

2. Don't feed pets outside. Food left in dishes will attract raccoons and other wildlife. If you can't feed indoors, make sure that all uneaten food is removed regularly.

3. Consult with your veterinarian about vaccinating livestock. Horses and cattle can get rabies, too.

4. Don't approach wild animals closely or try to pet them.

5. Don't keep wildlife as pets. Not only is it inappropriate and often inhumane for the animal, it could be dangerous to the owner, because no rabies vaccines have been approved for use in wild animals.

6. Don't feed wildlife. Watching the antics of raccoons at food dishes can be delightful, but feeding them will increase the risk of rabies exposure for your family and your pets once the outbreak reaches Massachusetts. On the other hand, don't panic when you see raccoons ambling through your neighborhood.

7. Make sure your garbage cans have raccoon-proof lids. Better yet, keep the cans in a secure enclosure.

8. Exclude wildlife from denning sites in and around buildings by sealing holes and screening chimneys. If you find raccoons, skunks or other wildlife living in your house now, contact the Massachusetts Audubon Helpline (1-800-541-3443), or the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (616-727-3151 or 508-792-7270), for advice on encouraging them to leave, then seal the entrance holes.

9. If you see a wild animal sick, disoriented, aggressive, overly friendly, or otherwise strangely, or if you find a dead animal, don't try to deal with the situation yourself. Call the proper authorities, such as your local animal control officer or police department. If you must handle a dead animal, wear heavy gloves.

10. If you see a sick or dead cat or dog, and you don't know who it belongs to, don't handle it. Call the proper authorities.

11. If you or your pet is bitten by an unfamiliar animal, wash the wound with soap and water for at least five minutes, then call your doctor or veterinarian for advice.

Not one case of human rabies has resulted from the rabies outbreak that began in the mid-Atlantic states. If the proper precautions are taken, that record should remain unbroken.

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YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

By Drs. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer - Chiropractors



More Ice Related Injuries

Question: About a week ago, as I was leaving my house in the morning, I took one step and—before I knew it—I was lying flat on my back. I hurt for a while.

Luckily, nothing was broken. Now I'm starting to get neck pain with headaches. Yesterday it seemed that my fingers were falling asleep. Is this something I should see a chiropractor for?

Answer: Yes! Recent weather conditions have been just right to cause thousands of area residents to fall down or have automobile accidents. The ice can be deadly!

Several patients described lying flat on their backs, looking up at the stars—real or imagined. Hopefully, no fracture has occurred.

Most people are dazed and can shake off the in-

itial hurt in a few moments. Many are more concerned over the embarrassment of having been seen doing their "dippy doodle" (as one of my patients calls it), than the possibility of incurring injury.

What you are describing is a fall significant enough to damage supportive tissue and misalign spinal vertebrae. This compresses or pinches nerves that exit from the spine. That could produce headache and numbness in the arms/hands.

When vertebrae remain in an abnormal position for a period of time, they begin to heal that way. Splinting occurs and the area becomes prone to degenerative changes and weakness. The longer you wait, the more difficult to correct.

Everyone knows how damaging a fall on the ice can be. You might suffer a concussion. It can cause an elderly person to break a hip or fracture an arm. But if you really understand the less obvious condition of misaligning the spine and its effect on your health, you're one step ahead!

Call on a doctor of chiropractic for an examination. His/her area of expertise is careful analysis of the spine that could reveal a problem. Once found, correction through appropriate chiropractic treatment may save you months or years of suffering!

The **SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** welcomes anyone who may have been injured in a fall or accident. Call us at (413) 789-1369.

CPR Class To Be Held Feb. 3rd & 4th

A class in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on February 3rd and 4th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department Building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered over two nights. Course material is geared for both the semi-professional and the

general public.

The American Heart Association certification issued through this class will meet many job requirements, such as those for day care providers, babysitters, or scout leaders.

The cost of \$32 will cover all course materials, mannequin use, books, and cards. Call 786-5912 to register or for further information.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks!

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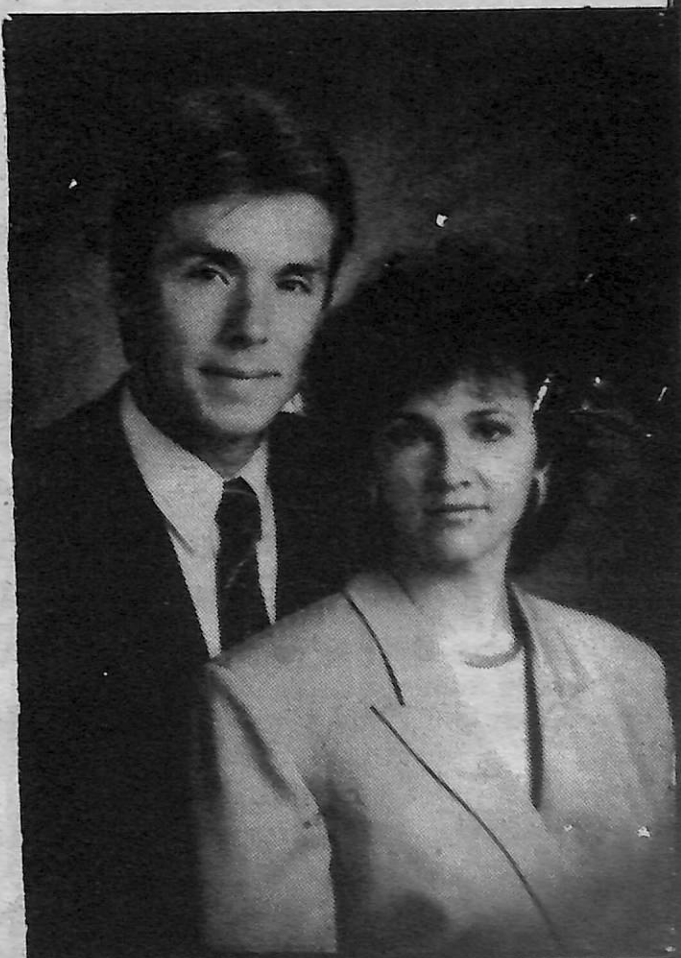
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For Your Health - continued...

Dr. Jawitz May Begin Making Calls To The Elderly

Michael J. Jawitz, M.D., has announced that Agawam Family Physicians, 141 Main Street, Agawam, is in the process of determining if a system of home visits to its elderly clientele is feasible.

"We need to hear from the community," said Dr. Jawitz. "If you or someone you know would be interested in taking part in a 'routine' house call system, we want you to call us and indicate your interest."

The system would involve a physician coming to your home on a routine basis approximately every five or six weeks to check on chronic medical problems such as hypertension, congestive heart failure, diabetes, coronary artery disease, etc.

"We would be able to do routine lab work (only if necessary) as well as EKGs and breathing testing," stated Dr. Jawitz.

Medicare will be billed for these visits, and assignment accepted. This means that the patients would be responsible for the Medicare deductible each year (\$100 in 1992, and would be reached with the third visit); and then, after the deductible is met, a small co-payment would be required at each visit. The co-payment would probably run about \$7.50 per visit.

This program would likely be restricted to Agawam residents and would NOT be for acute ill visits. If you are interested in this future program, please call Agawam Family Physicians at 786-0880, Tuesday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Ask for Lori, and she will need your name, address, and phone number.

If enough interest is generated, Agawam Family Physicians will inform the public through forthcoming announcements in *The Agawam Advertiser*. Please recognize that this notice is for a future service, not one that is in place at the present time.

Survivors Of Abuse During Childhood Offered Program

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a therapy group for women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The group will provide a safe, supportive environment for exploring and mastering past trauma, and will be led by two clinical social workers who are experienced working with this population.

The group will meet Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., starting around mid to late March, and will run for 16 weeks. If interested, please contact Nancy Jessup, LCSW, or Constance Leslie, LICSW, at 786-6410 to set up a screening interview.

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Safety Tips In Cold Weather

Bay State Gas advised the elderly that indoor temperatures do not have to fall below freezing to cause hypothermia, a decrease in body temperature that can be life threatening.

In fact, many older people become ill at temperatures between 50 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit, as a result of mild cold exposure that would only produce minor discomfort in younger people.

Although the elderly are hypothermia's most frequent victims, infants, people with certain diseases and people taking certain medications are also at risk. Those who are thin also have more difficulty conserving body heat because they have less fat to insulate the body from cold.

Certain measures can be taken to reduce the chance of hypothermia:

1. Eat a balanced diet, since food fuels body heat production.

2. Wear warm clothing, especially on parts of the body you feel are more sensitive to the cold. Since much of your body heat is lost through your head, consider wearing a hat, too.

3. If you take medication, check with your doctor or pharmacist for possible side effects. Many

medications increase the rate of heat loss and even reduce or eliminate the body's ability to feel cold.

How can you recognize hypothermia? Any sudden change in appearance and behavior during exposure to cooler temperatures is an important sign. Other signs include:

- * puffy face
- * shivering
- * cold, pale skin
- * poor coordination
- * slow breathing and heart rate
- * mental confusion
- * apathetic attitude and diminished physical energy

If you suspect hypothermia, Bay State Gas advises you to seek immediate medical attention and handle the victim carefully:

- * be gentle and limit movement
- * insulate the victim from the cold with blankets and scarves
- * do not try to rewarm the victim or give food or warm drinks
- * cover the neck and head to reduce heat loss.

Weight Loss Can Be Obtained By Using New Business Called "Slim System"

"Being thin, staying thin" is the theme of The Slim System, a new business founded by Dottie Circosta, a native of Western Massachusetts. (It's refreshing in this day to look at a new service being started instead of closing.)

The Slim System took a clean sheet of paper and designed a method to successfully help people lose weight in a healthy and nutritious manner.

They have come up with an updated look at an age-old problem. Through the use of a specially developed high carbohydrate/low fat eating plan, the business focuses on weight management skills in a simplistic design.

The Slim System used the concept of weekly group support meetings. Each weekly meeting is

directed by a Slim Advisor, who has successfully lost weight. This combination insures success for their participants.

The Slim System Team is made up of people with a mission. They are looking to guide their members through personalized service and understanding, giving their best to help each and every person benefit from being a member of the Slim System.

This new business is found throughout Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, including Feeding Hills (P.O. Box 302). They currently have 33 weekly meetings, with more opening in the immediate future.

For more information, call 786-7311.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his service.

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Arts



RICHARD BRINDLE

Art Auction Will Benefit Kids During Miracle Telethon

Art ranging from the affordable to the more collectible will highlight an art auction to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Telethon at Baystate Medical Center on Thursday, February 13th, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The art auction, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will be preceded by a special preview at 6:30 p.m.

Among the featured artists will be Norman Rockwell, Jane Wooster Scott, Chagall, Delacroix, Moses, Alaniz, Agam, Calder, and others. Auction items will include signed and numbered lithos, oils, watercolors, pastels and sculptures.

All art is professionally framed and guaranteed.

A \$6 donation includes admission, refreshments and door prizes, with all proceeds going to support pediatric services and programs at Baystate Medical Center.

Major credit cards will be accepted for art purchases.

The event is sponsored by the Division of Medical/Professional Administration at Baystate Medical Center. Art is provided by Marlin Art Inc. of New York.

For more information, call the Telethon office at Baystate Medical Center at 784-4111.

Leonard House Trustee President Has Long History Of Community Service

Richard Brindle has been a member of the Captain Charles Leonard House Board of Trustees for 33 of the 53 years that the Leonard House has been the Community Center for Agawam. He is president of the Trustees, having held that office continuously for 12 years.

Prior to serving as president, he skillfully handled the position of House treasurer for 10 years. Brindle gave freely of his time and talent, just the same as all other Leonard House Trustees who are unpaid volunteers that live in Agawam.

Brindle moved to Agawam in 1952 and soon became involved in Town affairs and in the service of the Captain Leonard House. He has directed the efforts of the House Trustees on many improvement projects, including roof replacement on both the House and on the three-car garage; exterior and interior painting; insulation of exterior walls; and construction of a ramp with railings for handicapped persons.

Also, black top pavement of the driveway and spacious parking area; upgrading of electrical wiring and plumbing; replacement of the Pine Meeting Room ceiling and light fixtures; and the purchase of new metal folding chairs and banquet tables.

Much of the maintenance and improvements are made possible by generous individuals, civic-minded organizations, and forward-looking businesses in Agawam that have made gifts as Friends of the Captain Leonard House over the past years.

The House Trustees have also joined the Family of Friends, and they have given over \$6,000 in cash gifts to preserve the property since the Friends program was begun in 1980.

February has been declared, by President Brindle, as "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House Month." All residents of Agawam are invited to join the Family of Friends by making a gift in any amount in the name of Captain Leonard

House and mailing checks to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Richard Brindle has a lifetime record of service to his family, to his church, to his community, and to his country. He and his wife Marion are celebrating 44 years of marriage and are parents of two sons and three daughters.

Brindle is an active member of the Agawam Congregational Church, presently holding the office of treasurer. His record of community service includes Agawam Town Meeting member, Agawam Junior High School Building Committee, chairman of the Blue Ribbon Town Government Committee, and election to the Agawam Town Council.

He has served one year as Town Council President and was elected Vice-President of the Council in January 1992.

Brindle served in the Pacific area as a lieutenant in the 4th Marine Division and was honorably discharged in August 1946. He graduated from Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, participating in sports and fraternal activities.

He was a key organizer of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Captain Charles Leonard House, held in September 1989. He noted that the Leonard House was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places on March 10th, 1975.

Brindle complimented the Agawam Women's Club for meeting in the Leonard House continuously since 1939, and for providing talented leadership on the Leonard House Board of Trustees, in addition to contributing generously to the House Friends program.

Any person living in Agawam or in nearby communities, is welcome to join as a Friend of the Captain Charles Leonard House by making a check payable to: Captain Leonard House and mailing it to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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Arts Council Has Bus Trip To NYC

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council is planning a bus trip to New York City in May.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna Sherpa, council member, 201 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make the check payable to the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. The price of the bus ticket is \$18, round-trip and is non-refundable.

The bus trip will be Saturday, May 2, 1992, with

departure time at 6:30 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper Street, Agawam. The departure time is to allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call council members Donna Sherpa, 786-2493, or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138. Send for the tickets promptly. Agawam Arts and Humanities bus trips are very popular and tickets go quickly.

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"Le Pere Gagnier"

Father Louis Wm. Gagnier well deserved the title of the "Pioneer Church Builder of New England," for he built 12 churches in five years. The last of these was St. Theresa's, built in 1874 on land obtained from the Mittineague Paper Co., and situated at the corner of Bridge and Front Streets in North Agawam.

The first French families came into this section about 1845 because of the political unrest in Canada, and by 1860 a hundred families had settled.

They were not entirely without a missionary to speak their own language for, from 1854 to 1873, they were visited at various times by Rev. PP. Caron, Garin, Dudelbut, Turcotte and LaVerdiere. None succeeded in establishing a permanent church until Father Gagnier came in 1873.

Louis Wm. Gagnier was born in the Province of Quebec, studied at the seminary in Montreal and was ordained in 1855. After working in Canada 13 years he was chosen by the bishop of Montreal for a special mission to the United States. His first parish were in Vermont and there he built his first churches.

On coming to Springfield he held services at whatever place he could: a little white church at the corner of Willow and State Street, the chapel of the Cathedral, public halls or private homes.

The first mass for Agawam people was in Lenox Hall, Front Street, West Springfield. Wherever he went he "woke up people who were sleeping in their hearts." He made people feel his enthusiasm and gave them courage.

During the building of St. Joseph's in Springfield, he even encouraged the men by working in the dust and mud of the excavation. Gradually he brought groups together in the outlying districts and built churches at Ware, Gilbertville, Warren, West Warren, Indian Orchard and North Agawam.

He administered to St. Theresa's in Agawam until 1883, when it was given its first resident pastor.

Father Gagnier was a man of strong constitution but of small build: a familiar figure in worn black pants, Prince Albert coat and high hat, always with a cane in his hand—but never an umbrella.

SEE IN OLD AGAWAM -
continued on Page 26...

Where Do We Get Our Words?

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

I always laugh at a conversation I had with William Raspberry, the nationally syndicated columnist who was the keynote speaker at a convention I covered in Hartford a year or so ago.

We were bantering about the fun and the not-so-fun aspects of writing a column, when he told me how he deals with the question everyone asks: where do you get your ideas?

"I tell them I get mine in a little shop in Poughkeepsie, New York. It's a great little store. You can buy a single idea, or get them in bulk by the pound."

Well, if that's where the whole idea comes from, where do the individual words come from?

From the least expected place, it turns out. I got an inkling of some of the unlikely spots from a 1933 book published by G&C Merriam Co., of Springfield, MA, which I rescued from a Longmeadow tag sale. It's called *Picturesque Word Origins*, and I paid \$1 for it; so please, your attention.

The very first word in the book is *abet*. We think of abetting as encouraging or inciting someone to engage in something not in the best taste.

Actually, ancient Germans claim the word *betan* (to cause to bite). They trained their hunting dogs to chase, attack, and bite the bear in order to flush him out for the hunters. The practice was good for the hunters, but took a toll on the dogs.

Belfry is an interesting word. We think of it as that little sanctuary atop a church where the bell sits and rings out its welcome.

In old England, it began as a *berfrey*, which was a movable war tower used by besiegers in battle (on sound thinking that troops occupying high ter-

rain enjoy a superior position).

Cancel is another interesting one. It comes from the Latin word *cancer*, which (in its diminutive plural form *cancelli*) means to make a lattice. From that comes the crossing of lines we use to obliterate a writing.

When we give hard thought to a subject, we refer to it as *deliberating* the matter. Small surprise, then, that when we take the Latin past participle of that verb, we get "to weigh," or to toss all the factors that are to make up our decision into a pair of scales.

The Latin *in* (meaning "un") and *farli* ("to speak") explains why we call a new baby an infant. Interestingly, the same route through roots is traced to define infantry as a body of foot soldiers, presumably on the assumption that foot soldiers are expected to react to orders without a lot of chit-chat.

I always get a kick out of investigating the origins of words. In fact, the very word *investigate* originates as the Latin *vestigium*, which means footprint (the starting point of any good investigation).

From this very basic beginning, I plan to do another column reviewing a book I got for Christmas: *The Superior Person's Book of Words*, designed to show us how little of this language of ours we really know.

Looking at both ends of the spectrum, I'm beginning to understand why Johnny can't read. He's never taken Latin, and hasn't a clue as to what the words mean.

"The Crucible" To Be Staged In Westfield

Westfield: The curtain goes up at 7:15 on the Saint Mary's High School Drama Club production of *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller. The play is based on the topic of guilt by association, and is set in Salem, Massachusetts during the time of the witch hunts.

The club, led by Mrs. Mary Verdi of Lee, has been practicing since October for their January 31st and February 1st productions. Mrs. Verdi, and English teacher at STM (on Bartlett St.), has been hard at work directing set design, renting costumes, and rehearsing the actors for the end-of-the-month show. The cast rehearses four times a week, and everyone in the club works on the Publicity Committee, headed by Ms. Mary Eileen Burgielewicz of East Hampton.

The play stars Andrew Giza of East Hampton;

Helen McEnroy of West Springfield; Gibran Rivera, Jake Golen, Aleida Sanabria, and Juan Rivera, all from Westfield; and Sarah Gamble of Southwick.

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If love and kindness, would dwell in man's heart,
The world would be off to a wonderful start.

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Do just one kind deed for someone today,
And mean it from the heart;
You'll be filled with joy, the wonderful way,
When the blossom of the seed will start.

Art Register Being Compiled In Town

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is interested in compiling an Agawam Artist/Artisan Register. Information is now being requested from Agawam and Feeding Hills artists and artisans.

Anyone interested in being included in this register may send a brief history to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council by April 1st, 1992. Please include the following vital information:

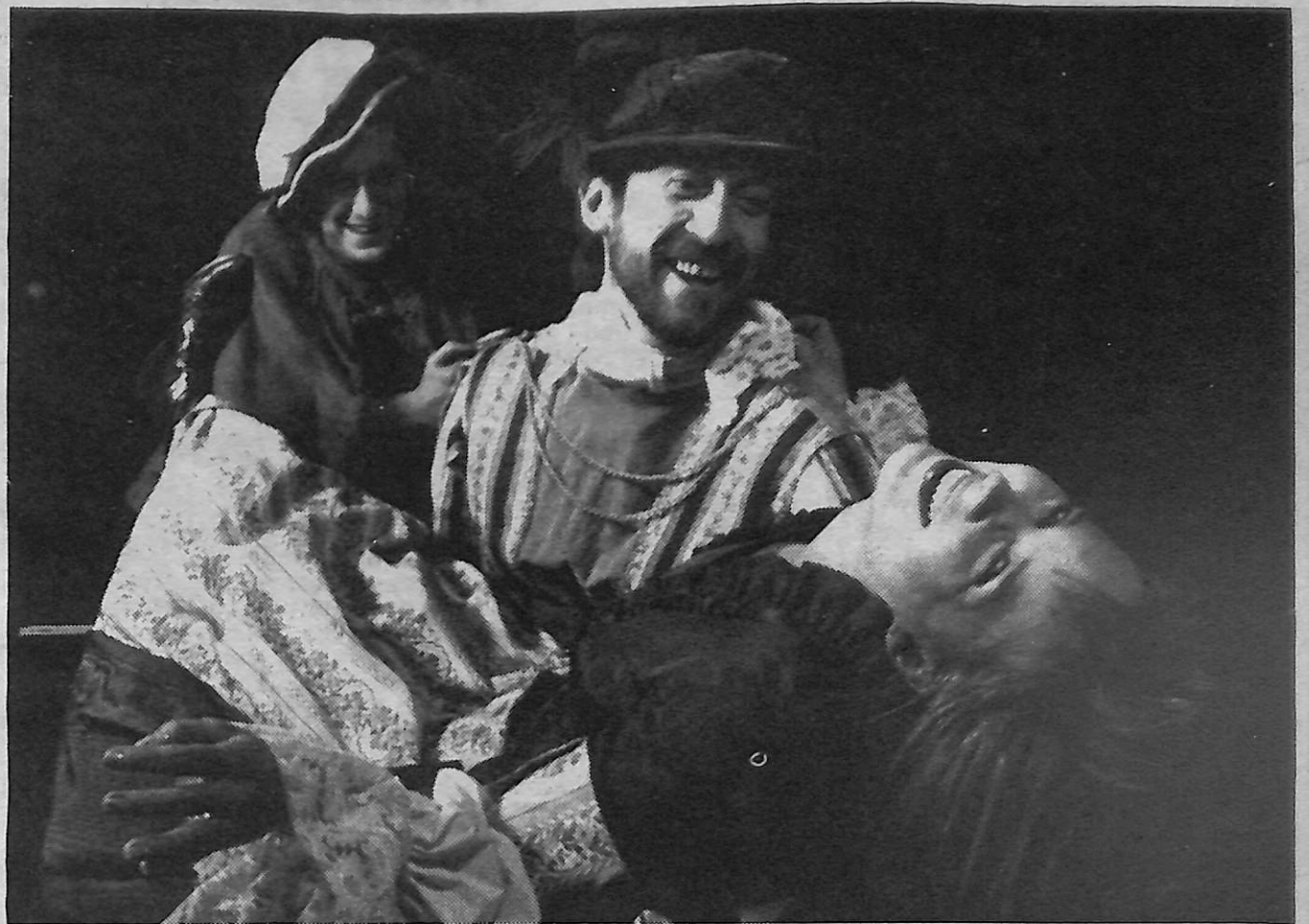
Name - address - telephone number;
Medium;
Education in medium (if any);
Number of years involved in (if any);
Exhibits and shows, with dates (if any).

Typically, the interested artist will be involved in original oils, watercolor, acrylics, and mixed media. Included will be artisans who create original two- and three-dimensional art work with wood, clay, glass, metal, jewelry, leather, paper, fiber, etc.

Based on the response received by April 1st, future plans for the association may include monthly networking meetings and exhibitions of art works, and other activities that would be of interest to the group.

Interested parties should forward their biographies as outlined above to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council, c/o Beverly Secondowands, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Accepted applicants will be notified prior to inclusion in the register.



ALLISON GLASER (right) of Agawam "falls" for Will Shakespeare (Konrad Rogowski, center, of Springfield) in the tavern scene from the Suffield Players' production of "Dark Lady." Allen Nott of Springfield, playing actor Richard Burbage, looks on.

Suffield Players Preparing To Stage Play About Shakespeare's Mistress

Tickets are now on sale for the Suffield Players' winter production of "Dark Lady," written by Karen Sunde and directed by Lyle Pearsons. The show, which opens February 20th, features lavish costumes of the 16th century and a multi-level set.

The cast includes 12 actors, some of whom play multiple roles in this drama which explores the relationship between William Shakespeare, played by Players veteran Konrad Rogowski, and his mistress Emilia Bassano, played by Margie Secora.

Secora also designed the authentic Elizabethan-period costumes and heads the crew of seamstresses constructing them. Emilia Bassano is rumored to be the "dark lady" of the Shakespearean sonnets.

Connecticut-based actors include Paul Gessay of Broad Brook, Susan Caplan of Hartford, Jodie Akeley and Eg Gogulski of Suffield, Marie

Howland of Stafford Springs, and Dorrie Mitchell and Dana Ring of West Hartford.

Cast from Massachusetts are Konrad Rogowski of Chicopee, Margie Secora of Southwick, Allison Glaser of Agawam, and Allen Nott and Karen Balaska of Springfield.

Performances are February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, and March 6th and 7th at 8:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall in Suffield. Proceeds from the February 28th performance will benefit the Eugene Biggio Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Reservations are recommended for all performances. For tickets call Pioneer Answering Service, (203) 627-5749. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$12, depending on the performance; unpaid tickets are held at the door until 15 minutes before curtain.

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RESIDENT WALTER BALBONI will show his vast slide show of Alaska at the Agawam Arts Council's "First Friday" Series on February 7th.

Balboni Featured At Arts Council's First Friday Series

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council will have as a guest speaker resident Walter Balboni, a present member of the Agawam Town Council and former longtime School Committee member, for the February "First Friday Series."

Balboni will present his slide show, "Alaska," at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam. Also on the program will be Sara O'Connor with a cello performance.

Balboni has traveled extensively for many years. He has for the past two years been presenting slide shows of his travels to schools, both elementary and high school level, church groups, senior centers, women's clubs, and community service organizations.

His slide library includes photographs of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, the National Parks, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Barbados.

Sara O'Connor, a junior at the Agawam High School, is an Agawam Arts and Humanities grant recipient. Because of her serious studies as a musician, she was given a grant for a cello.

Gideon Freudmann of Hadley has been Sara's instructor in classical music for the past two years.

Sara will be presented first on the program with a brief performance on the cello. Eve Descant, violinist, will be Sara's accompanist for one of her pieces.

This February "First Friday" is free to the public.

Funding for this program is provided by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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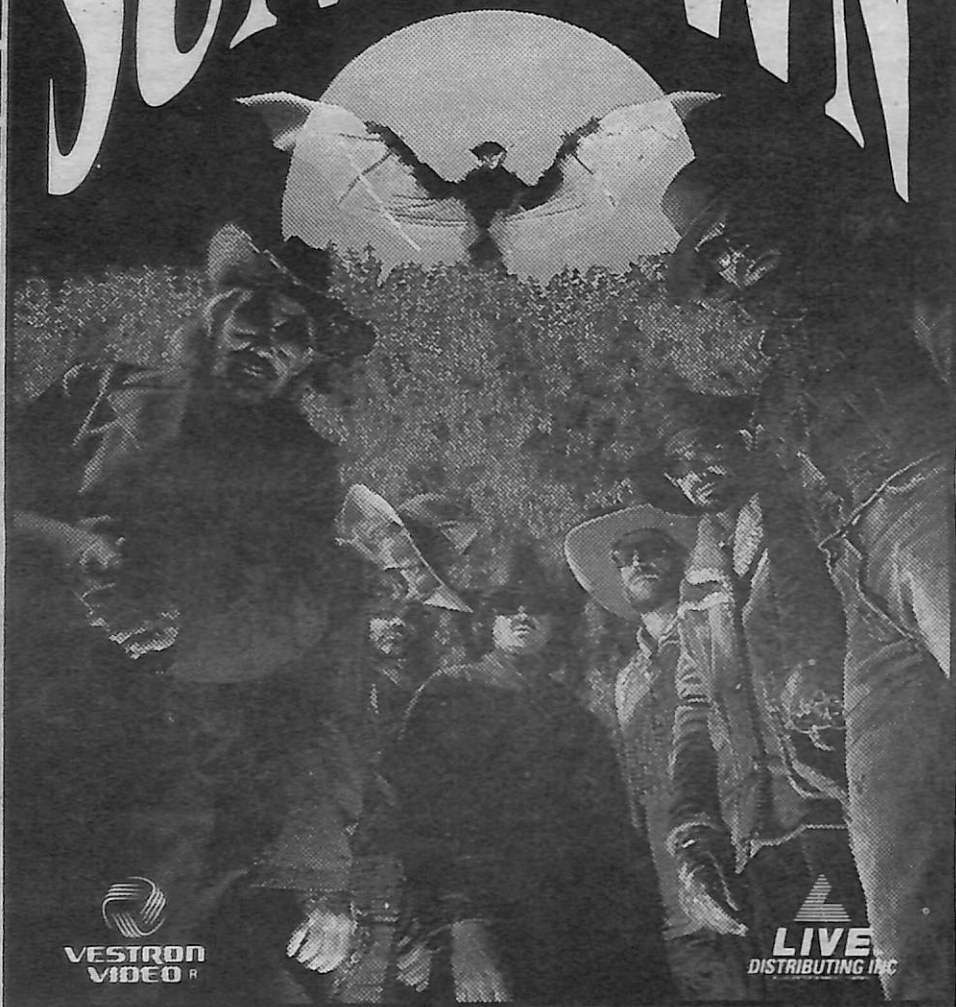
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Education

Mayor's Office Visit Part Of Unit On Agawam At Clark

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Donna Modzelewski's third grade class at Clark Elementary School studied a chapter on their community and decided "to take the ball and run with it," according to their teacher.

"The chapter in our social studies book talked about a classroom that made maps, wrote to the Chamber of Commerce, and interviewed someone in government.

"The kids decided to try some of these things. I really didn't intend for this to be such a project," Mrs. Modzelewski said.

The class was broken down into groups to investigate: interesting facts about the town; interesting places in town; something about the kinds of jobs and businesses in the community; and the past history of the town.

Town Council President Jessie Fuller was invited to come to the classroom by Allison Callahan and Amanda Merola to speak about the government of the community. Mrs. Modzelewski said that children researching the history of Agawam utilized Edith LaFrancis' book, *A History of Agawam*.

Another group of four students (spokesperson Jamie Santos, chairperson Keegan Clark, secretary Jennifer Gensheimer, and correspondence secretary Amy Richards) decided to visit Mayor Christopher Johnson at Town Hall with a list of prepared questions.

The first question, after introductions, was, "How many people in our community?" to which Johnson responded, "Our census shows about 30,000, although the federal census is different."

Next, the students queried, "What kinds of jobs do people have in our community?" and Johnson explained that, "The people who work in this building collect the taxes and pay all the town bills."

He also said there were teachers, nurses, and "18 different departments in the town, not including the schools."

"How do people travel to work?" was answered by telling the students there was only one public transportation system in Agawam, so most travelled by car.

Another student asked, "What are some of the stores and businesses in Agawam?" Johnson responded, saying "there are two public malls" and the Industrial Park that has 12 to 15 businesses.

He talked about some of the companies by name and described the stores in the malls to the students.

He added, "Agawam has a lot of little businesses—Ma and Pa businesses like Bruno's and Dairy Mart. We also have two large companies, Hood and Kidder Stacy, which make specialized printing presses which you see the results of on cereal boxes and bags of Doritos."

Johnson noted, "We have two businesses we are famous for in Agawam. One is Riverside Park, and the other is Chez Josef's banquet facility."

"How many people do you think will live in Agawam when we grow up?" Keegan asked, and Johnson told the pupils the population was "pretty stable right now, but in another 30 years the growth might expand by about 50 percent. If there is another building boom, we could go up to 60,000 people."

"Since 1979, how much has our population grown?" they asked. Johnson's response was, "About 4,000 or 5,000. The biggest growth was between 1970 and 1980. In 1970, we had about 20,000 people, and we have grown by about one-third from 1970 to 1990."

"Who were the first people in Agawam?" Keegan wondered, and Johnson gave a very knowledgeable response.

He said the Agawam Indians (not the Mawaga, as rumor has it) were here first, and he told students they could find the meaning of the word "Agawam" in Edith LaFrancis' book, right at the beginning.

He recalled it had something to do with "meadows" or "wetlands." He told the students that the first settlers in the early 1600's were led by William Pynchon, who founded Springfield, and that Agawam became a town in 1855.

Johnson noted, "Before that, we were part of West Springfield, Springfield, and Connecticut. We put those three parts together and are now 137 years old."

SEE VISIT TO MAYOR - Page 29...



AGAWAM MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON greets Clark School third graders at Town Hall on January 22nd. From left - Keegan Clark, Jamie Santos, Mayor Johnson, Amy Richards, and Jennifer Gensheimer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT JESSIE D. FULLER (middle row, center) paid a visit to Donna Modzelewski's third grade class at James Clark School to talk about Agawam on January 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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AHS Theatre Student Lana Quintal Attends Competition In Miami

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School senior Lana Quintal was one of 105 high school applicants selected out of 6,400 across the United States to compete for scholarships at the University of Miami during ARTS Week '92.

Lana was invited as a musical theatre/drama student to sing and perform two monologues before a panel of judges along with other senior-student actors, as well as dancers, visual artists, writers, and musicians.

This was the first year jazz was distinguished in a separate music category since ARTS Week's inception 10 years ago.

Invited to Miami for the competition, Lana received a five-day, all-expense-paid trip by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

As a result of the auditions and activities of ARTS Week, students were awarded cash grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. Up to 20 students will be named Presidential Scholars in the Arts by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.

In addition, all ARTS applicants (as well as awardees) are eligible for scholarships in excess of \$3 million, provided by educational and professional institutions through NFAA's Scholarship List Service.

Lana told us, "I had about 2½ weeks to prepare. The musical theatre was an intense auditioning process. I sang 'Don't Rain On My Parade' from *Funny Girl*, and I auditioned every day."

She continued, "Only two guys and four girls sang. I've never had any professional voice lessons. At Syracuse University, you have your own private voice lessons. I have an audition there at the end of this month and another at the beginning of February."

Lana noted, "My uncle and his wife do copywriting for major musicals in New York City. He told me about this competition and said I had to send in a videotape of one monologue and one song."

"I did the same performances that qualified me from the video, plus a second monologue."

She added, "There were about 20 drama

students I was competing with. The judges had to see us in different aspects—improvisational as well as prepared."

Lana arrived in Miami on a Wednesday and stayed at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

"Michael Jordan was staying in my hotel. The elevator doors opened and there he was. He looked right at me and smiled."

"My roommate was from California, so she had a five- or six-hour flight," she said.

"We had to be at the University by 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning. We met Reginald Metcalf, Master Teacher from Washington, D.C., and a working actor they hired to come in and warm us up before the acting," said Lana.

There was an Open Performance one evening for all Miami residents. Lana remarked, "The stage was more modern than AHS. The seats were only about a foot away from you and on the same level."

On Saturday, there was a "big gala ball," Lana said. "We had to go up on stage individually and be introduced to our sponsors. I felt so important—like Miss America!"

On another evening, the students boarded a two-story ship for a dinner cruise.

"There was a slight wind blowing over the ocean, and it was 80 degrees. There was a D.J. and dancing after the meal."

"The only problem for some vegetarians was the main course of ribs. There were a lot of vegetarians," noted Lana.

She concluded, "We weren't allowed to talk to the judges on the panels until the last day to avoid any favoritism."

"I met Craig Slight, a director from the American Conservatory Theatre in California. He told me, 'That's some voice you have there' when I told him I needed some professional training," she said.

"He told me I was ahead of many people my age because I already knew what I wanted at (age) 17—I'm thinking of applying to the Conservatory," Lana said.



LANA QUINTAL

TOUR OF MAYOR'S OFFICE - continued from Page 28...

When the interview was complete, Johnson gave the students a tour of his office, showing them his computer with a scanner and talking about his radio that kept him on call 24 hours a day, all year-round, as Police Commissioner.

The students were very polite and very impressed that the Mayor would spend so much time talking with them in his busy schedule.

Johnson said he gets mail monthly from students in the Agawam schools, and visits from the Middle School students regularly. He said he enjoyed visiting the schools as well.

As the students left, they thanked the Mayor for all his information. He responded, "This is your town, and one day you'll be called upon to help run it. Someday, one of you may be sitting here."

Town Nursery School Helps Charity

Youngsters from Rainbow Connection, Feeding Hills hopped to help people with disabilities on November 23rd, raising \$188 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

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Friday, February 7th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, niblet corn, ½ peanut butter sandwich, chilled pears or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

Ag. Library Has Creative Painting

The Agawam Public Library will hold a two-session Creative Parenting: Understanding Children Workshop on Wednesdays, February 5th and 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (The snow date will be Wednesday, February 19th.)

Speaker J. Lawrence "Larry" Harbeson has been Home School Adjustment Counselor for Agawam Public Schools for the elementary grades for 15 years.

He has been a Parent Discussion Group Facilitator for 10 years. He has a bachelor's degree from Springfield College and a master's degree from Westfield State College. He has been a physical education coach for 13 years.

The workshop will focus on understanding children through discipline, communication, relating, social emotional growth, development and parents as people. It will be presented in a format of information and processing participants' issues.

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Steven Lubarsky At Pratt & Whitney

Steven Lubarsky, son of Edith and Gene Lubarsky of Lawnwood Street, Agawam is working at Pratt & Whitney of Middletown, Connecticut from January through August through the Field Experience Program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Lubarsky is assisting assembly engineers by drawing up plans to streamline repairs of gas turbine engines which failed run-time testing procedures.

"The work of our students in state agencies, public service organizations and private industry makes a significant contribution to the state's economy and helps the students learn professional skills that will support their efforts to become productive and responsible citizens," says Ellen Wolf, director of the Field Experience Program at the University's Mather Career Center.

Lubarsky is a member of the Class of 1993 majoring in mechanical engineering. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1989.

Alfred Cascella On Trinity Honors List

Alfred R. Casella, a junior at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, has been named to the Faculty Honor List for five consecutive terms.

To earn this academic honor, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of A-minus or better.

Alfred is a 1989 graduate of Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut, where he was a four-year honor student and was elected to the Suffield Chapter of the Cum Laude Society.

He is the son of Dr. Raymond L. and Joan Casella of Main Street, Agawam.

Massoia Named To State Committee

Louis Massoia, Jr., of the Agawam School Committee has been reappointed to represent the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) on the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Game Officials Committee, a multi-organizational group that negotiates with game officials.

Massoia, who is serving his eighth year on the Agawam School Committee, has served as its chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

MASC is an organization that serves school committees throughout the Commonwealth.

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Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th
Members - \$35.00

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
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2½ - 5 years (Mon. or Thurs.)

Class will help improve pre-schooler's self-confidence, independence, motor coordination, hand-eye and foot-eye coordination, teach them to wait their turn, and develop socialization skills in both the gym and the pool. A 30 - 40 minute pool session followed by a 30 minute gym period. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

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The Little Green Hen - A Fable

One upon a time there was a little green hen that had a Girl Scout troop. She had an assistant leader and a lot of mothers with this troop.

One day the little green hen found that she needed a badge chairman for the troop. She asked Susie's mother, but Susie's mother said, "No, I am far too busy with the PTA." She asked Janie's mother, but Janie's mother said, "No, I am far too busy with my bridge club." She asked Kathy's mother, but Kathy's mother said, "No, I am working so we can buy a color TV."

"All right," said the little green hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did, but she was so busy handling the badge records at several meetings that they never did finish their Christmas Service Project.

Then, one day, the little green hen found that she needed a cookie chairman for her troop. She asked Susie's mother, but Susie's mother said, "No, I am far too busy with my church circle." She asked Janie's mother, but Janie's mother said, "No, I am busy redecorating right now." She asked Kathy's mother, but Kathy's mother said, "No, I have to work so we can buy a snowmobile."

"All right," said the little green hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did, but she was so busy handling the cookie sales that they didn't finish planning for their overnight at spring vacation, and so had to cancel that.

Then, one day, the little green hen found that she had to have a finance chairman for her troop. She asked Susie's mother, but Susie's mother said, "No, I am busy working on the school referendum." She asked Janie's mother, but Janie's mother said, "No, we are going to Spain." She asked Kathy's mother, but Kathy's mother said, "No, I am working to buy a motorboat for the



BROWNIE TROOP 556 recently enjoyed a hayride at the Westview Farm Creamery in Monson.

summer."

"All right," said the little green hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did, but she was so busy making finance calls that she couldn't keep up the badge records, and so they had to cancel the Court of Awards.

Then it came time to re-register the troop, and Susie's mother said, "I don't think the little green hen is a very good leader." And Janie's mother said, "I don't think Janie will stay in Scouts because they didn't finish their Christmas project, and they didn't go on their overnight, and Janie didn't get her badges."

And Kathy's mother said, "I don't think Kathy will stay in Scouts because they didn't go on their overnight, and Kathy didn't get her badges."

And the little green hen said, "I won't take the troop another year because I can't do it all by myself." And she didn't.

NOTES: Girl scout cookie time is here!!! Cookies will be on sale for the next few weeks. If you have not been contacted, call Linda, 786-9448, or Donna, 786-08999.

A very special thanks to all moms and dads who have volunteered their time. We can always use the help!!!

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Brownie Troop 546 Holds Investiture



BROWNIE TROOP 546 of Phelps School held its Investiture on January 26th. Members of the troop and their leaders include Ruth Green (leader) and Lisa Ferreira (co-leader); members are Lindsey Bassi, Sabrina Brizzolari, Monique Dewberry, Jessica Ferreira, Tricia Fitchben, Elizabeth Hair, Melissa Harrington, Kristan LaGuercia, Daveen Macsater, Johanna Masotti, Mckenzie Michaels, Melissa Paquette, Ellen Rannenberg, Christen Sacco, Tina Sticco, Amanda Stork, Brittany Stork, and Brittany Theriaque.

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Active Parenting Offered At Clark For School Parents

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Home/School Adjustment Counselor Chris Marek is offering a six-week program called 'Active Parenting' to parents of kindergarten through fourth graders at Clark Elementary School.

The course is based on a video each week, and the only cost is that of the materials. Classes each week run approximately two hours.

Ms. Marek said, "The program is halfway through now, and is available to Clark School parents. If there is enough interest, perhaps we can run another program this fall. I have run this same program twice at Robinson Park Elementary School in the past."

She said, "The course teaches parenting skills. Parenting is a skill that can be improved. The course is not for families in crisis, but parents who would want to be more effective as parents."

"The basic premise of 'Active Parenting' is that the old autocratic and new permissive style of parenting do not work. Society has changed so much; parenting must as well. A democratic approach to parenting is what they recommend."

The program covers three areas: 1) how to develop responsibility in your children; 2) how to instill courage in your children; and 3) how to win the cooperation of your children. Effective methods of discipline as opposed to using recourse and punishment are covered during the lessons.

Ms. Marek said, "Some of the strategies are use of the 'I' messages, and the use of natural, logical consequences."

She concluded, "There is a lot of discussion generated from the video during the class. We have a 'show and tell,' homework, 'remember when' exercises, and activities to be done at home with the children."



OFFERING A SIX-WEEK program called "Active Parenting" at James Clark Elementary School are, from left - Jody Baum, Cindy Lawlor, and Chris Marek (Home/School Adjustment counselor). Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussler.

James Clark PTO Has Sock Hop

The James Clark PTO cordially invites all students, faculty and families to attend a Sweetheart Sock Hop on Friday, February 7th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Get ready to Rock-Around-the-Clock; get into your 50's garb; grab those bobbysocks; and be prepared to bop till you drop!

The PTO will be providing tickets for this event at a cost of \$2 per family. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis, and will be sent home from school with the children on February 4th.

Please call Donna Bodurtha, 786-4351, if there are any questions or comments.

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Jennifer Beaulieu Attains Dean's List

Miss Jennifer J. Beaulieu, daughter of Mrs. Betsy H. Beaulieu of Gillette Circle, Springfield, formerly of Agawam, attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the College's Maroon Key Honor Society.

A member of the senior class, Jennifer is enrolled in the Business Program.

Two Town Residents On Salve Regina U. Honors

Salve Regina University has announced that Kelli Lawrence and Aimee Racicot, both from Agawam, are among those students who achieved dean's list honors for the fall semester of the academic year 1991-1992.

The university is located in Newport, Rhode Island.

Sarah White Excels Excels At Bay Path

Miss Sarah Ellen White, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank White of Paul Rever Drive, Feeding Hills, attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the College's Maroon Key Honor Society.

A member of the sophomore class, Sarah is enrolled in the Human Services Program.

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Sports

Brownies Gain Key 58-42 Victory Over 'Hamp In Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It took Lou Conte and his Agawam High girls' basketball team about 15 minutes of playing time before they got on the same page about how to guard Northampton forward Lauren Demski. But once they did, the Brownies rolled to an impressive 58-42 victory over the Blue Devils in Northampton on Tuesday afternoon.

With the victory AHS bolts to a 2-1 Valley Wheel record along with its handsome 11-2 overall slate. Northampton, regarded as one of the top three teams in the Wheel, never led in the contest. But 'Hamp kept it respectably close until the Agawam kids got everything in synch in the second half.

Kim Trudel had a terrific first half for the Brownies. She avoided foul trouble and played her post-up game as only she can. She zipped for 15 points before intermission (22 overall) and led AHS to a 31-25 halftime advantage.

AHS placed five other kids in the scoring column. Cyndi Stone, Sheila Martin, and Kristin Schmaelzle all added four points in the first stanza. Laura Bielitz and Stephanie Mason each threw in two points before the half.

This is only significant because it was easy to spot that the Blue Devils had no such balance. Demski, a bashing, dashing, carom-grabbing phenom, blasted away for 16 impressive points. The only help she received came from Kim Frost, who threw in 9 points of her own. Not one other Blue Devil entered the scoring column.

Conte, trying to remain calm in the small gym, was trying to get his low post defense to "front" Demski, and it didn't work. Demski constantly found herself in the paint with the rock. And AHS was powerless to stop her. Once Conte got a body (and often, two bodies) in front of her, the locals were able to shut Demski down cold (unless she could work herself free to the glass).

Stone, primarily responsible for shutting down Demski on defense, picked-up two early fouls and rode the pine for a while in the first half. But she got her wakeup call in the second half and went nuts offensively.

Stone worked her way to a 12 point second half on a variety of inside stuff. The 'Hamp defenders could only wave their arms at her as the 6'2" sophomore gave them some pointers on how to work in the lane.

Mason Had Strong Game

Stephanie Mason had a fine game defensively as she worked her way to six steals in the backcourt along with her other duties. These included distribution of the rock and knocking down a jumper or two to relieve inside pressure.

Schmaelzle hit two consecutive line drive set shots (from the corner) that turned a tenuous seven point lead to a nine point bulge. This caused the Blue Devil coach to frantically call for a timeout.

Demski managed only six points in the second half and only one of those came in the game's last 12 minutes. She finally got a little help from her friends as 'Hamp rammed down three trifectas and another one that should have been. But Frost never scored again in the second half and the Blue Devils ultimately paid the price for having a lack of scoring balance.

AHS waltzed out of a very tough place to play with a well-deserved, all-important victory. The Brownies won it because they dug in on defense and spread the ball around (unselfishly). 'Hamp dropped to 1-2 in the league and 10-2 on the season ('Hamp also lost to Amherst).



COACH LOU CONTE and his 1991-92 girls' varsity basketball team. Back row, from left - Conte, Sheila Martin, Kim Trudel, Cyndi Stone, Kristen Schmaelzle, and Bethy McNamee. Front row - Alison Jean, Laura Bielitz, Stephanie Mason, Shaun Nacewicz, and Dina DeMarco. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Phil & The Boys" Demolish Southwick, Amherst, & Long.

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Phil and the boys had a few friends in on Saturday afternoon. They sent out the invitations back in December and followed that up with an advertisement in the newspaper.

They cleaned the place up, rolled out the welcome mat, and even provided snacks and plenty of seating. Everything was all set for a little party.

There were pretty girls and music, escorts at the door, visiting dignitaries, and everything else. And then, Phil and the boys went and acted up all day long, and treated their guests so rudely that they might never come back. Some of the guests were seen crying when they slumped their way towards the exit signs.

Phil is Phil Tomkiel, the veteran wrestling coach of the Agawam High Brownies, and—in actuality—his team put on a performance that was so clean and so powerful that the reverberations had to be heard around the state of Massachusetts.

Scheduling a quadrangular meet with Amherst Regional High, Southwick High, and Longmeadow High might be a tough thing to do in the future because these schools might contend that their dance card is full when Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney sends out the invitations.

On Super Bowl Saturday, the Brownies accomplished more devastation than the Bills and Redskins had hoped to do in concert last Sunday evening.

The meet started at 1:00 p.m. and the Brownies

never lost a match until 4:21 p.m., and even then Joey Loudfoot (112 pounds) had his opponent Mike Calvanese bruised and bloodied so badly that the match had to be stopped twice so that trainer Kelley Emery could provide first aid.

Calvanese, a legitimate contender for the State Crown, escaped with a one-point victory (6-5), and Loudfoot came within an eyelash of earning the upset on a last-second reversal.

Only Matt Shaw (135 pounds) was able to win a match against Agawam, and that's when he broke away from a 6-6, third-period tie to outwork Nathan Wood 17-9 in that match.

Other than that, the Brownies were perfect (letter perfect) on the day.

It all began when the Rams of Southwick High took the mat against Agawam in the day's first dual meet. When the smoke cleared less than 45 minutes later, the Brownies had the smoking gun and a 75-0 shellacking. (A perfect score of 13 pins or forfeits would be 78-0.)

Chad Boucher fired the starter's pistol with a 10-1 major decision, and Loudfoot upped the team score to 10-0 with a 48-second conquest at 112.

Pat Brown slammed his foe all over the mat for a 17-2 tech fall at 119, and that was followed by Shawn Rising's convincing pin in 2:19 at 125 pounds.

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Familiar Faces Around AHS Wrestling



RON WIENERS (left) and SONNY TETREAULT are both big supporters of Agawam High wrestling and help to operate the concession stand at the team's home meets. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Despite Off Night, AHS Wrestling Dominates West Springfield, 53-14

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

This might have been the night that told us the whole story about the Agawam High wrestling team.

On a night where coach Phil Tomkiel felt his kids might have mailed it in, they still stomped West Springfield 53-14 in West Side last Wednesday night (January 22nd).

The Brownies are now 11-0 overall, including wins at the prestigious Commonwealth Cup and their own Christmas Tournament. The Brownies placed second in the Milford Invitational Tournament in early December.

"We really didn't wrestle at all," said the veteran coach of the perennial Western Mass. champs after the West Side match. "We have got a lot of work to do before getting ready for some of the challenges down the road."

Actually, the score does not accurately reflect what happened in West Side that night. The Terriers forfeited four weight classes and Agawam had a 24-0 bulge (six points per forfeit) before the proceedings began.

In nine matches actually wrestled, the Brownies slumbered through a 5-3-1 slate in head-to-head competition. That is not satisfactory compared with the high standards that AHS wrestling has set down for themselves.

The first order of business was the disappointment to learn that Joe Loudfoot, Mike Cooper, Nathan Wood, and Stuart McGregor were winners via walkovers. Those four key performers always wrestle with style and spirit and they were forced to take six points just for stopping by.

Pat Brown, Nick Langone, and George Ghareeb manhandled each of their opponents as the entire trio won by first period pins. Brown was stylish in

polishing off his Terrier in 1:43 while Langone and Ghareeb punished their opponents in short order.

Langone used a power headlock to stick his 189-pound foe in just 1:07 and Ghareeb continues his senior year "mission" with a convincing shoulder rub in just 51 seconds.

Mike Bryant, as always, participated in the night's highest scoring match as he went toe to toe with a 140-pound West Sider and beat him up to the tune of 17-10 in a see-saw match. Bryant's long arms and derring-do had him in several predicaments before scoring the final 11 points of the match.

He simply wore out his heavily muscled opponent. He also thrilled the crowd with the best "Peterson roll" since Peterson did it himself.

Vinnie Petrangelo rebounded from an early 5-0 deficit to grab a 6-5 lead in the third period. He had to settle for a draw by using a full-Nelson in the match's final 12 seconds.

Dave McKay allowed his 160-pound opponent to escape with 20 seconds showing on the third period clock.

That cost him a 7-6 decision and Chad Boucher wrestled a whale of a comeback match at 103, only to succumb, 8-7 in a spirited match (that had the spectators coming out of their seats in roaring disapproval over the rookie referee's calls).

Mike DaSilva, normally a powerful force in Western Mass., was stunned at 171 pounds as he was pinned in 3:41. DaSilva fell behind 5-0 (quickly) and avoided being pinned in the first period.

He turned the tables immediately and had the West Side kid squirming hard on his back as the period came to an end. In the second period, the Terrier reversed DaSilva and then powered his way to the pin.

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The Brownies rounded out the trashing with seven straight pins amongst three forfeits. Mike Cooper got an early second-period fall in 2:31 at 130 pounds; Wood grabbed a forfeit; Mike Bryant needed just 1:32 to grind up his opponent; Vinnie Petrangelo had a great day and started it with a 39-second pulverizing at 145 pounds.

Stuart McGregor kept it going with a 3:14 second stick at 152; Dave McKay beat the first-period buzzer by four seconds with a 1:56 pin; Mike DaSilva (171) and Nick Langone (189) got to stretch out their right arm with forfeits; and George Ghareeb secured his hold and stuck his overmatched opponent in only 17 seconds!

Amherst was next and they didn't fare much better. The Hurricanes were humbled in a 73-0 whipping on the Agawam mats.

Boucher got his second straight major decision with an 11-0 pasting. Loudfoot blistered his way to a pin in exactly a minute, and Brown beat that score with a 43-second lightning bolt of his own.

Rising had to work for a tough 8-1 victory before the Pin Machine got plugged in again. Cooper got a forfeit, and Wood flattened his 135-pound competition in 1:07.

Bryant won his 140-pound match in 2:23; Petrangelo was finished with his work at 1:33; McGregor worked his magic in :51; McKay took just :40; and DaSilva (not to be outdone) ripped up his foe in only :21. Langone and Ghareeb got forfeits.

Looking for the triple shutout, the Brownies got a good start when Boucher won in only :34 at 103. Loudfoot lost the match to Calvanese 6-5, and Brown pounded his opponent 12-5.

Rising picked up a 7-1 win; Cooper came back from an early 5-0 deficit to pin in 2:26. Cooper's opponent stormed at him and had him airborne for a while before setting him on his back and nearly pinning him.

Fired up, Cooper owned an 8-5 lead before subduing his 130-pound competition.

Wood wrestled valiantly at 135 but couldn't pin Shaw in a very entertaining match; Bryant got Agawam back on the winning track with a 1:06 pin; Petrangelo outlasted Khali Boyd for a 3-2 win; McGregor pinned in 3:01; McKay won 9-2; and DaSilva (3:17), Langone (:56), and Ghareeb (:52) ended the massacre with three more powerful pinning combinations.

The Brownies will wrestle at Ludlow (presstime) before travelling to Braintree this weekend to seek out some tougher competition. At Braintree, the Brownies will face the host school, as well as Quincy and Xaverian.

They return home Wednesday night, February 5th, to host the Bombers of Westfield High.

Indoor Baseball At Soccer City

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Brownie Hoop Returns To Victory Lane

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High blew out of the box quickly against the Lancers of Longmeadow High on Tuesday night and then survived some shaky free throw shooting to hold off their Valley Wheel rivals 62-52 at the Clifford Kibbe gymnasium in Agawam.

Fueled by 11 off the bench points by Dave Desimone and eight points from Brendon Gallagher, the Brownies jumped to a 33-18 halftime advantage.

Desimone, a transfer student, had his best game as a Brownie as he stayed on the backboards and did plenty of work in the paint, as the Agawam kids bolted to a 6-0 lead and never looked back.

In the second half, Gallagher pounded away inside and got lots of help from Joe Gaylor and Jason Blackburn as the Brownies stretched the lead to 44-24 with 12:11 to play.

Longmeadow wouldn't quit, though, and before

long they were back in the face of the home team with a 10-point run fueled by two baseline hoops and six free throws.

Gallagher stepped the lead out again as he benefitted by running the floor to score on a layup off a big Blackburn push, and then scored again in transition off a nice feed from Keith Hargis.

Soon, Desimone would score four straight to answer a mini-Lancer challenge, and Agawam was still leading it 50-37. That's when the lid went on the basket during Brownie free throws, and the Longmeadow kids started to believe that they were back in it.

Agawam missed four straight "one and one" free throws, and the Lancers seemed to cash every time down the floor. With 1:09 to play, Jeff Kramer stood on the free throw line with a chance to bring his club back within five points.

He made one to slice it to six at 58-52. That's when the Brownies started to sweep the blackboards clean after every Longmeadow miss, and Blackburn made both ends of a "one and one" and a layup at the end to account for the final margin of victory.

Gallagher led Agawam with 20; Desimone had 15; and Gaylor and Blackburn stuck in 11 points apiece.

Agawam moves to 2-1 in the Valley Wheel as they await Chicopee Comp in a sturdy test Friday night at the Clifford Kibbe gym in Agawam. The Brownies now stand at 5-8 on the season.

It was reported that the Brownies will participate in the post-season's Open Tournament, as they entered the club prior to the deadline imposed by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

After Slow Start AHS Girls Hoop Blow-Out Central

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

More juices flowed last Friday afternoon (January 24th) at Agawam High School than were expected because the Central High Golden Eagles played better basketball than expected.

Normally a cut above most of the Western Mass. competition this year, the Agawam High girls' basketball team experienced a little dose of complacency and it turned their coach into a holy terror at halftime.

Coach Lou Conte got his team pointed in the right direction after intermission and the Brownies turned a tight contest into a 58-33 walk in the park before the win was locked in the vault.

In previous season, AHS has always had its way with this group from Springfield. But Friday's game showed only a 15-11 advantage with 4:34 to play in the first half.

The reason that the Eagles were able to stay that close was their ability to bang the offensive boards. They scored four baskets in the early going on putback layups that accounted for the tight score.

The Brownies took the court hoping to snap a two-game losing streak (their first two losses of the season). They didn't look sharp early on.

Kim Trudel opened the game the way she opens every game. Conte ran a half court set for his junior center and she responded with a bottom of the twine 10-foot turnaround to get AHS on the board first.

But Central scored on a rebound hoop by Darlene Oppendisiano to knot the score. Senior Sheila Martin continued her good shooting with a right elbow swisher. Central came right back again with Tonya Hall slashing the lane for two.

Trudel scored off an inbounds pass for a four point lead and Laura Bielitz found the mark just inside the arc. But the Eagles came back again and cut it to three with a Wenona Alston free throw.

Late in the half, the Brownies were sparked by post defense and hustled provided by sophomore forward Cyndi Stone. And the Brownies began to stride it out just a little on the Central kids.

When point guard Stephanie Mason hit a beauty of a transition pull-up banker, the Brownies went to the locker room with a 22-13 lead. They also had to go to the locker with their coach. And that changed the complexion of the game - big time.

The second half was something close to a work of art. Trudel went crazy by lighting up the scoreboard (mainly because her teammates spent more time and effort feeding the post).

Bielitz and Martin made excellent entry passes and Stone crashed the boards to collect anything that was errant. When Mason drilled a three pointer midway in the half, the lead had ballooned to 47-23.

It was evident early that the Central team would wear down. Coach Tyrone Sullivan coached his heart out during the game and made wholesale substitutions often to try and rest his frontliners. But he paid too dear a price every time he went to his second team.

Agawam's high water mark was a 28-point lead at 55-27. Oppendisiano spun in a couple of threes (late) to drop the margin to 22.

Seldom used Allison Jean scored the last three points of the game to give the Brownies their final margin of victory. Trudel led the way with 17 and Stone hit for 14 on the afternoon.

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SENIOR CLASS members of the Agawam High 1991-92 varsity wrestling team. Back row - George Ghareeb, Joe Loudfoot, and Dave McKay. Front row - Mike Bryant, Nathan Wood, Michael Cooper, and Stuart McGregor. RELATED STORIES ON PAGES 35 & 36. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Brownie Girls Back On Strong Track In Varsity Swimming

The Agawam High girls' swim team won a great meet vs. Amherst last Friday, January 24th, 110-76. The Amherst girls are excellent and Brownie coach Jason Osborn was proud of his team.

Jessie Crowley was a double winner with a time of 2:19.81 in the 200-yard freestyle and 6:16.90 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Lexa Page won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:32.60, and came in second with a time of 1:09.36 in the 100-yard butterfly event. Another double winner was Erica Vanderhoof with a 26.26 (seconds) in the 50-yard freestyle and 1:06.44 in the 100-yard backstroke. Heather Pliska also had two wins. She took the 100-yard freestyle in 1:00.55 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:14.19.

Rachel White continued to shatter school records in diving with a 200.45, making her the top diver in Western Mass. during the regular season.

Girls Also Defeated Westfield

The girls also stopped Westfield this past Tuesday, 111-74. Eric Vanderhoof had a personal best time in the 200-yard freestyle (2:09.33) and came close to the school record in the 100-yard freestyle in 58.44 seconds. The 200-yard individual medley (2:28.85) and the 500-yard freestyle (6:03.80) were both won by Heather Pliska.

Jessie Crowley was also a double winner with a time of 1:10.16 in the 100-yard butterfly and a time of 1:23.16 in the 100-yard breaststroke. Lexa Page also had a good day by placing second to Crowley in the butterfly (1:10.19). She won the 50-yard freestyle in 28.49 seconds.

Rachel White again won the diving event by tallying 195.10 points, and Brenda Borkowski had her personal best in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:44.80. Also swimming at her best on this day was Sandy Angotti (500-yard freestyle at 6:45.95).

Boys' Swimmers Bow To Westfield

The Agawam High boys' swim team lost to Westfield on Tuesday, 123-60. Aaron Orsucci



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity swim team. Back row, from left - Brenda Borkosky, Jessie Crowley, Lexa Page, Heather Pliska, Beth Meagher, and Coach Jason Osborne. Front row - Michelle Podsiadlo, Rachael White, Tammy Leary, Sandi Angotti, Nancy Bazanchuk, and Erica Vanderhoof.

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came up a double winner, however, with a time of 1:59.59 in the 200-yard freestyle (his personal best) and a time of 2:04.05 in the 100-yard back stroke.

Tim Church was also at his best in diving with a score of 152.75. Church is now just one series short of qualifying for the Western Mass. Championships. Jason Surriera was second to Church in diving at 145.90 (his first qualifying score this year).

Alan Niemiec took second place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.58. Steve Lewis was

second in both the 50-yard freestyle (25.90 seconds) and the 100-yard freestyle (56.89 seconds).

The 400-yard freestyle relay was a second place winner (Gary Jock, Steve Lewis, Alan Niemiec, and Aaron Orsucci with a time of 3:55.06).

The boys will next swim vs. Central at the Agawam Junior High on Friday January 31st.

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AHS Sextet Gives Strong Effort In Loss To Amherst

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When that Berry Division schedule rolls around after the independent games are finally in the books, Agawam High School usually has some pretty tough schools to face on the ice.

Normally, that has meant a rocky road the past three seasons and this year may be no different. But the Brownies served notice on Tuesday night at the Springfield Olympia in West Springfield that they will fight down to the last second. And the opposition had better bring its best game if it intends on winning.

The Brownies faced off vs. the Hurricanes of Amherst High on Tuesday night and it was quite a hockey game. The AHS kids didn't win, they lost 3-2.

But the winning goal didn't come until there was 5:32 showing on the third period clock. It was anybody's game right until the final buzzer rang through the building.

Fans Rooting And Howling

Fans assembling for the West Springfield-Minnechaug nightcap game were seen rooting and howling as the underdog Brownies put on a fine show in the third period.

It was the first period that actually did the Brownies in Tuesday night. The Hurricanes played a nearly flawless period as they constantly outperformed the AHS players. Amherst won the race to the loose pucks and battled harder in the corners. This led to a pair of goals.

The locals, meanwhile, were a step behind all period long and never even got a shot on Amherst's Bob Hann in the nets until defenseman Kevin Fleury sent one in from all the way behind the AHS blue line with half the period nearly expired.

It wasn't pretty and casual observers might have thought the Brownies had no chance in the game. Amherst's Morrissey scored at 4:42 on a 2-on-1 break against goalie Jason Rocca. The feed came from the right side of the slot and Morrissey tapped it easily in.

At 11:14, Amherst doubled its lead when it plucked the puck off the left corner boards and the disc was flipped over Rocca's right shoulder. It was 2-0.

AHS has some pressure in the final minutes of the period. Nothing came of it and the locals headed for the locker room while the Zamboni made the new ice.

Came Out Fired Up

The new ice must have turned the trick. AHS came out following the intermission fired up and ready to play. In a period that saw the two teams share seven minor penalties, Ben Benton scored the period's lone marker.

He took a high bouncing feed just beyond the Amherst blue line and raced in on Hann. The senior popped a quick wrister into the top right corner and the lead was sawed in half just like that. Craig Waryasz and Dave Zielinski were credited with assists on the goal (4:25).

Rocca was beginning to play a great game in the period. He made four big stops and he was just warming up for his third period act (which was even better).

He made a right arm save at the 2:03 mark of the third and that kept AHS right in it. Waryasz would soon get one back for the Brownies.

The Brownies were playing a hard-hitting game and Waryasz had already spent three stints in the penalty box for various infractions. But he was on the ice for a nifty goal at 3:43.

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Spring Soccer Sign-Ups At Junior High



THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION held its Spring Pioneer Valley Sign-ups last Saturday at the Junior High. IN TOP PHOTO, Michael Thomas and Chris Bushey couldn't wait to fill out the forms; IN PHOTO BELOW, soccer officials Bill Faust, Mary Thomas, and Ray Scott helped to supervise the proceedings. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Benton took the draw on a faceoff in the left wing circle and got in back to his senior teammate. Waryasz snapped a slapper that slid along the ice and targeted the right corner of the net. It hit Hann's skate and went in. It was 2-2.

Rocca kept the Hurricanes at bay with the help of an alert defense headed by Eric Mastroianni and Kevin Fleury. And then Waryasz and Sean Wandrei almost wandered in and got the go-ahead goal at the 7:20 mark. Dave Zielinski followed up that play and he kept it alive in front. The Brownies kept swarming on goal but nobody could pop in the puck.

Rocca thwarted a breakaway bid as the Amherst attacker shot far too early and the Brownie goalie snagged it with the catching glove (eye high).

At 9:28, Amherst finally broke through. Fleury gave up the puck in his own zone and the Amherst puck carrier had Rocca all to himself. He scored easily and the leaders went into a shell to protect the 3-2 margin.

Dan McCarthy almost got a beauty with 3:20 to play as he got a half step on two defensemen. He was ultimately sandwiched by the two as he tried to poke the disc past Hann. McCarthy couldn't quite reach it as the crowd hooted and hollered for a holding call on the Amherst defense.

Soon after, AHS would catch a break as a high sticking call sent an Amherst kid to the box with 1:32 to play. AHS had the power play almost to the end but never really got organized.

Waryasz gave up the puck at the blue line and Rocca stopped a clean breakaway. The Brownies went offside. The puck was cleared. You get the picture.

The Brownies needed another good, hard, and aggressive effort as they faced high-flying Cathedral at presstime.

Tracie DiMascola To Be Honored

Since its inception in 1987, the Lusitano Alumni & Fans (LAF) Organization has sponsored a number of programs and activities related to adult and youth soccer.

In keeping with its goal to promote the game of soccer, LAF held its Third Annual High School Awards Night on Sunday, January 26th, at the Gremio-Lusitano Club in Ludlow.

At the banquet, LAF presented recognition awards to all players selected to the Sunday Republican All-Western Mass. Boys & Girls First Soccer Teams in Divisions I, II, & III. Area All Star **Tracie DiMascola** from Agawam High School was among those to be honored. Special awards were also presented to the outstanding players in their respective divisions as selected by the coaches' ballot.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the program included a buffet and a noted guest speaker, Raymond Cieplik, head soccer coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, formerly from this area.

Also, soccer coaches from the New England area were invited to meet the top players in Western Massachusetts at this function.

Best Local News...

Brownie Hoop Falls To Minnechaug In Old-Fashioned Barnburner, 60-54

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

This ballgame had all the elements of why high school sports has worked for as long as it has. It was a terrific night for basketball at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham last Friday night.

Never mind that it almost had to be played in the "Midnight Madness" mode. Everybody had a whale of a time in the Valley Wheel matchup.

The reference to "Midnight Madness" comes because the boys' junior varsity game (won by Agawam) took until 8:30 p.m. to complete because 68 fouls were whistled by the officiating crew. Ninety-two free throws were attempted. Yes, we all got a little taste of the JV Game from Hell.

When the varsity game began (at 8:50 p.m.), everyone was in their seats and ready for the show. The ambience was super and the teams were chomping at the bit. Minnechaug had a section of seats behind the endline loaded with high school students who watch plenty of TV.

Perhaps as many as 400 Falcon students crammed the seats and enjoyed themselves immensely. They chanted and sang and cheered along with their cheerleaders. They watched their team hang in there for much of the night against AHS before stealing the game late in the proceedings with a 10-11 effort from the foul line.

Minnechaug's late comeback earned them a 60-54 victory over the Brownies.

Neither team led the ballgame by more than four points in the first half. It was nip and tuck. Both teams traded buckets throughout the first stanza and neither school grabbed a true advantage.

Center Brendon Gallaher and forward Joey Gaylor stormed the paint to create 16 points of offense for their team. The Falcons were more guard oriented as Walt Grono and Chris Lynch hit the outside jumper or fed quick forwards on back cuts to keep it close.

Both teams took fairly good care of the rock and the action was up and down the court for the most part. The exception to that rule were Brownie starters Gallagher and Mike Briggs. Each picked up three fouls early in the game and spent much of their first half as onlookers from the pine.

Daggett's Gymnasts Win Gold Medals

At the West Point Open, the **Boys Team from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics** won 1st Place Team All Around for Class I, ages 16 to 18. The boys also won 1st Place Team All Around in Class II, ages 13 to 15, and 3rd Place for Team All Around in Class III, ages 10 through 12.

This compulsory gymnastics meet, which featured teams from all over the Northeast, was held at West Point in New York on January 12th.

The boys competed in all events: horse, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and horizontal bar. In Class I, Brian Fox was recognized as the 1st Place All Around with his teammates, Aaron Vexler and Joe Roemer, taking 3rd and 7th respectively.

Dave Desimone became a key contributor in the second half for the Brownie frontline. He teamed with Gaylor (an excellent game) and Gallagher (effective when he was on the floor) to hammer the Falcons.

The locals broke away for a 25-24 halftime lead to grab a 39-31 advantage on two Gaylor free throws several minutes into the second half.

The lead grew to 49-40 with 5:45 to go when Gaylor hit two consecutive baskets. He took a great inside pass from Desimone to make it 47-40 and then faded away on the right baseline to bring the large contingent of Brownie fans to their feet.

Still, the Minnechaug fans stayed in the ballgame and waited for their team to come back. And the Falcons came back tough. The Falcons finished the game with a huge 20-5 spurt that had the Brownies out of gas at the end.

It took the Falcons two minutes and seven seconds to get it tied up as they rammed home nine consecutive points. Rob Pridemore got them started with a step to the goal layup. Paul Kozuk finished the run by hitting both ends of a one-and-one at the line.

That would prove to be the telling barometer the rest of the way. Five of those nine points came from the line in six attempts.

Desimone struck in his eighth and ninth points of the night on a baseline jumper with 2:20 to go that gave the Brownies a two-point lead (51-49). But the home team would take over the proceedings from there.

Lynch gave them back the lead (immediately) on a three point play under the hoop after a long transition pass. Pridemore converted a putback then made two free throw attempts. After Gallagher missed the front end of a one-and-one, Pridemore converted two more free throws.

Jason Blackburn gave the Brownies one last gasp with a left wing trifecta to close it to 58-54. But Lynch slammed the door with two more free throws to settle the score for good.

Gaylor led AHS with 16. Gallagher punched home 15 and Blackburn had 10, including two three pointers. AHS fell to 1-1 in the Valley Wheel and 4-8 overall. The locals are hosting Longmeadow and Chicopee Comp at home, and watch for coverage in our next edition.

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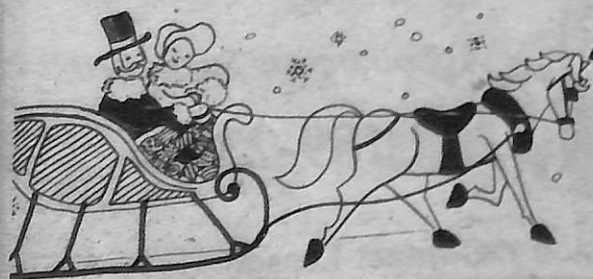
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Sports A La Carte...

Say So Long To "Humble" Howaaaad

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Love him or hate him, HOWARD COSELL is putting his mike (but probably not his mouth) to rest after 40 years in the broadcasting business.

Personally, I wasn't very fond of him, especially in his later days. As a kid, I was humored by his antics, and I remembered one story in particular.

I believe it was 1977 when the Denver Broncos and their "Orange Crush" defense went to the Super Bowl. ABC didn't expect the Broncos to be very good that year, and they didn't schedule the Broncos on Monday Night Football.

Viewing it as a snub, a Denver radio station had a promotion to release their frustration. They held a party at some local spot and invited ardent Denver football fans to attend. Each attendee received a raffle ticket.

At halftime, one lucky fan had his number drawn from a hat, and he was allowed to throw a brick through the television set when Cosell was doing his halftime highlight feature.

Lastly, however, Howard began to annoy me more often than not. It seemed as if he was searching constantly for the negative aspects of sports. He would key on contract disputes, anti-trust violations, violence, mismanagement, and all the other disgraces that enter into the big business of sport.

It was a disappointing end to a solid career, and I think he would have been better served to stay in a play-by-play role and perpetuate the adjective-slugging that made him (in)famous in the first place...

I thought he might be tired after catching so many games during the regular season, but if you are looking for TONY PENA, you'll find the amicable Red Sox catcher playing Winter Ball with the Aguilas franchise in the Dominican League.

Unfortunately, you'll also find him batting a woeful .211...

In the wake of the great THURMAN THOMAS helmet caper, I wonder if the NFL will experiment with "screw-on helmets" next season...

EVANDER HOLYFIELD and RIDDICK BOWE on May 8th. I'm into it; how about you? I believe the title could change hands in a fight like that...

JIM COURIER might be the number one tennis player in the world by the time you read this. On the flip side, IVAN LENDL has fallen to sixth best around the globe, and that is the first time since 1980 that he's been out of the top five...

I wonder which one of these contracts is going to drive me away from my all-time love of sports, but I see where RUBEN SIERRA has turned down \$25-million because it's "\$30 million or bust" the way the Texas Ranger outfielder sees it...

Was surprised to see that the Seattle Super-Sonic management feels that GEORGE KARL is a better man for their head coaching position than K.C. JONES...

You wouldn't figure that this would make sense, but the Miami Heat has seven guys averaging in double figures this year. The Orlando Magic has six guys in doubles and two more averaging 9.4 and 9.3.

That sounds like they have a lot of places to go for offense, and they still sag near the bottom of the standings. Conversely, the World Champion Chicago Bulls only have four guys that average more than 10 points per contest.

I wonder if it is just because the Heat and Magic play so many games that involve garbage time that more people get a chance to play—and to score...

Speaking of contrast, ROBERT PARISH is 18th in the league in rebounding and he is doing a great job. The Chief has already ripped down 364 boards this year.

Meanwhile, the Worm (DENNIS RODMAN) has more than "lapped" Parish in that department with a whopping 732 rebounds. Also, Celtic radio announcer GLENN ORDWAY'S pick for "Comeback of the Year" player goes to KEVIN WILLIS of the Atlanta Hawks, who has already ripped 650 caroms off the board...

I thought this guy might look decent in the Red Sox rotation, but JIM DESHAIES, the lefty from Houston, will be tossing the horsehide for Oakland this year. I bet he'll do beautifully, too...

The Knicks recently went West and beat up both Golden State and Utah along their way, with PATRICK EWING playing amazing hoops.

The Knicks got 10 shots from CHARLES OAKLEY in their 17-point win in Utah, and that was the first time he had thrown up that many shots in one game since March 30th, 1991...

The Super Bowl wasn't Super, or maybe just the Redskins were, but please spare me the entire off-season of portraying JIM KELLY and the Bills as pathetic creatures that make you reminisce about the Elway and Denver syndrome.

They are not losers, and anybody from Cincinnati to San Diego to Cleveland to Miami and every AFC port in between will be glad to tell you. They lost a football game, but they did win 15 of them this season against just four losses!

MARK CALCAVECCHIA hadn't won since the 1989 British Open on the Golf Tour, but a Friday hole-in-one and a solid eight under par on Sunday propelled him to the Houston Open crown last weekend...

Kudos to JIM COURIER and MONICA SELES, who picked up the Aussie crown on the first leg of the Grand Slam tennis circuit...

I got a chuckle out of this one. BEAR BRYANT, the legendary football coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide, was once asked if he could walk on water: "Well, I won't say I can or I can't, but if I do, I do it before most people get up in the morning..."

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— By Bill Chiba —



The last thought in your mind at this time of year is a summer vacation. However, the early bird in this case is the one that will get the vacation spot he wants for the summer months.

The DEP of Connecticut has announced that applications for reservations at campgrounds in Connecticut state parks and forest areas for the Memorial Day-Labor Day camping season are now available from the DEP.

Campsites at popular camping areas such as Hammonasset and Rocky Neck State Parks fill up rapidly, and persons wanting to camp on the Memorial Day or July 4th weekends or during popular vacation weeks should reserve a site soon.

The state campground reservation application, along with the free pamphlet "Camping in Connecticut" (which lists campground sites, fees, season dates, camping regulations, and other general information) can be obtained by calling 566-2304 or writing to DEP, Bureau of Parks and Forests, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106.

The parks for family camping and their rates per night are:

* **\$8 per night** for Devil's Hopyard State Park in East Haddam, Macedonia Brook State Park in Kent, Mashamoquet Brook State Park in Pomfret Center, Mount Misery area in Pachaug State Forest (Wolf Den Campground and Mashamoquet Brook Campground).

* **\$9 per night** for Black Rock State Park in Thomaston, Hopeville Pond State Park in Jewett City, Housatonic Meadows State Park in Cornwall Bridge, Kettletown State Park in Southbury, Lake Waramaug State Park in Kent, Taylor Brook Campground in Winchester (Burr Pond State Park), American Legion State Forest in Pleasant Valley, and the Green Falls area of Pachaug State Forest Voluntown.

* **\$10 per night** for Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, and Rocky Neck State Park in Niantic.

NO LOTTERY

All state land muzzleloader deer permits will be

issued on a no-lottery basis in 1992. "For the first time since 1975, deer hunters interested in participating in the state land lottery may now obtain a state land lottery shotgun permit and a state land no-lottery muzzleloader permit in the same year," stated Tom Dudchik, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Those interested in hunting during the state land muzzleloader season should apply for the no-lottery permit **after July 1st, 1992**, using a yellow firearms/archery deer hunting permit application. Each individual who submits a properly completed application will receive a state land muzzleloader permit.

SECOND THOUGHTS

The drive to make the Farmington River a Federal Wildlife Scenic Area is starting to slow down. After a couple meetings with the federal people and the group that is promoting the takeover, the voters of Sandisfield and Otis townships are having second thoughts about the idea.

Having investigated the takeover of other rivers like the Baltimore, they found out that the private land along the rivers is gobbled up by the federal government and the towns have no say in the matter (plus regulations that could forbid a building from being built at least 200 feet from the river).

Also, the bill protects over 240 animal species along the seven-mile stretch. That means no deer hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, and could possibly prevent fishing—depending on the people who control the river.

Personally, I think that the voters of the towns should take a good long look at the proposal, and they could come to the conclusion that the Wild Scenic title is not conducive to their style of living.

There is good ice on most of the ponds and lakes in the western part of the state. Good fishing is being had on Garfield, Buel, Congomond, Shaw, Yokum, Greenwater, Onota, and Cheshire Res. Little Benton, Big Benton, and the Otis Resy are producing trout beside pickerel and perch.

A reminder that between September 11th and April 14th, you can only take three trout in any combination. On lakes and ponds, the brown trout limit is two.

EPO officers have been observed handing out summons to fishermen who have more than the legal limit. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Every ice fisherman is limited to no more than five types out at one time.

One ice fisherman was picked up for having 12 types out. The EPOs aren't always in uniform.

"Tip-Up" Classic At Mawaga Club

A tip-up classic comes to Agawam!

The Mawaga Sporting Club is sponsoring an ice fishing derby on Sunday, February 9th. The derby is open to the public, and holes and tip-ups will be furnished.

There will be two sessions on February 9th: one from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the other from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast hours are from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., and lunch hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the derby are available from Skip Mallette at the Country Doll House, Frank Pignatare's service station, and Norm and Woody Roberts.

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Baseball-Softball Sign-ups At SHAA

There will be **Baseball and Softball** sign-ups at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

All youths are welcome to sign up, whether you belong to Sacred Heart Church or not. You don't have to live in Agawam or Feeding Hills.

There is a maximum of \$60 per family.

Sign-ups will be held between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on January 25th and 26th and again on February 1st and 2nd. Hope to see you there.

Ages for softball are 6 to 16; ages for baseball are 6 to 15.

For further information, you may call Andy Sidusky at 786-8564.

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We Need You!

The Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee is still \$20,000 short of the \$52,000 needed to bring Mico Kaufman's sculpture "Water" to Feeding Hills. We are planning a series of fundraising and awareness events and could use some additional community input and involvement. Of course, your financial support is welcome as well. If you'd like to make a donation or get involved with our fundraising, please contact any member. Our address is P.O. Box 537, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030 or you can contact our chairman, Marilyn Curry at 786-1452.

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Weekly Results for AAA Piranhas Swim Team

The Agawam AA Piranhas hosted the South Hadley swim team on January 18th at the Agawam Junior High School. The following accomplishments were made:

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Brittany Taylor, Amanda Fox, Christina Climo, and Hilary Golas placed first.

Amanda Fox, first, and Hilary Golas, second in the 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Laura Pedersen, Kaitlyn Morris, Katie Moore, and Laurie Chmielewski placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Ashley Roberts, Lisa Menzone, Rachel Morris, and Bianca Chase finished second.

Laura Bucalo, first, and Christina Climo, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, second, and Ashley Roberts, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Hilary Golas, first, Amanda Fox, second, and Bianca Chase, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Brittany Taylor, second, and Lisa Menzone, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ashley Roberts, first, and Christina Climo, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Michael Thomas, Ryan Sullivan, Brian Pedersen, and Michael Bonesteel placed first.

Wesley Scott, first in 25-yard freestyle and in 25-yard butterfly.

Michael Bonesteel, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Ryan Sullivan, first, and Michael Bonesteel, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Brian Pedersen, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Jessica Jensen, Caitlin Weisgerber, Jennifer Modzelesky, and Kimberly Sullivan placed first;

the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Shaunnery Egan, Katie Kilrain, and Dawn Bucalo placed third.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Shannon Costa, third in the 100-yard individual medley.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Jennifer Reid, Shanna Raymond, Shannon Costa, and Kirsten Schuster finished first.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second, and Jennifer Modzelesky, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Jennifer Modzelesky, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Kirsten Schuster, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Shanna Raymond, first, Caitlin Weisgerber, second, and Shannon Costa, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

The team of Eric Pedersen, Jeff Rivkin, Michael Grant, and Thomas Casiello placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Jeff Rivkin, first, and Eric Pedersen, second in 100-yard individual medley.

Thomas Casiello, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Jeff Rivkin, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Michael Grant, second, and Thomas Casiello, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Michael Grant, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Patricia Olson, Eileen Daly, Danielle DeForge, and Tara Rivkin placed first.

Patricia Olson, first, and Danielle DeForge, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Eileen Daly, first, and Tara Rivkin, third in 200-yard freestyle.

Kelli Kunkel, second, and Kelly Robinson, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first, and Gina Cellili, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Eileen Daly, first, and Gina Cellili, third in

100-yard freestyle.

Patricia Olson, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Kristen Menard, Darcy Bates, Kelli Kunkel, and Gina Cellili finished second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

BOYS 11-12:

James Crowley, first, and Brendan Kilrain, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Asa Allen, second, and Hugh Allen, third in 50-yard freestyle.

James Crowley, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Hugh Allen, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Hugh Allen, Asa Allen, James Crowley, and Brendan Kilrain finished first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

GIRLS 13-14:

Rachel Niemiec, first in 200-yard individual medley.

Amy Hume, third in 200-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, first in 100-yard butterfly.

Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard backstroke.

BOYS 13-14:

Jonathan David, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Michael Robinson, first, and Chad Abdow, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Michael Robinson, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Chad Abdow, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Jonathan David, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Chad Abdow, Jonathan David, Scott Guyer, and Michael Robinson finished first.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazanchuk, second in 100-yard butterfly, first in 100-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard backstroke.

Ag. Revolver Club Offers NRA Course

The Agawam Revolver Club, Inc. is offering a National Rifle Association sponsored Personal Protection Program on March 6th and 7th, 1992. The course is open to the public as well as to club members.

The course will be held at the indoor range at 234 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills. Class schedule is 6:00 p.m. Friday night and Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance at both classes is mandatory for certification. There will be a written and practical test.

Course cost is \$60.00. All firearms, study material and handouts are included in this price. Students must provide their own eye and ear protection and two boxes of .38 Special ammunition. All instructors are NRA certified.

This course is intended to answer the needs of persons who have chosen to own a handgun to protect their lives or the lives of others, and is open to all persons of good repute.

Any disruptive behavior is grounds for dismissal from the class. No one under 18 years of age will be admitted to the class.

For more information, contact the Agawam Revolver Club, Inc., P.O. 502, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030-0502, or call 786-7071.

Camp Rainbow Applications Ready

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam.

Applications may be picked up at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the Special Services Department of the Agawam Public Schools.

The camp will be held at Robinson Park School, Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, June 30, 1992 and ending Thursday, August 13, 1992.

Deadline for submitting applications will be May 1, 1992. Please return the application to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department located at the Agawam High School; right, rear entrance, follow the signs. If you wish to return the application by mail, please send it to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Dept., 760 R Cooper St., Agawam, MA 01001.

Completing and returning the form does not automatically enroll your child in Camp Rainbow. You will be notified if your child is or is not accepted. If accepted, the camp fee of \$150 is due and payable on or before July 1, 1992.

If you have any questions, please call the recreation office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Town Accepting Applications For Summer Camp Jobs

The Personnel office is accepting applications for summer positions at Perry Lane Park and Camp Rainbow. Applications may be obtained from the personnel office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam during the hours 8:30-4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday. Applicants may also request an application by contacting the office at 786-0400, Ext. 213 or 239. Applications must be returned to the personnel office on or before May 1, 1992.

The town is recruiting applicants for many and varied positions which require diversified skills and qualifications. For more information regarding qualifications, please contact the personnel office at 786-0400, Ext. 213 or 239 or the parks and recreation office at 786-0400, Ext. 456.

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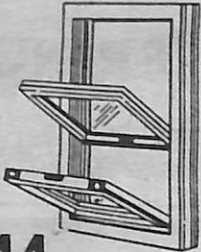


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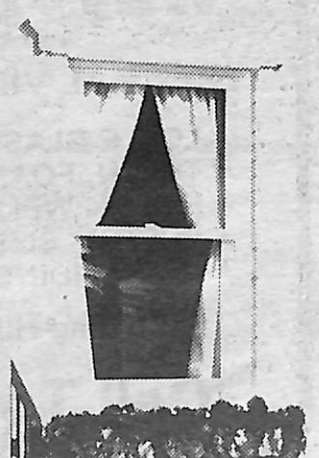
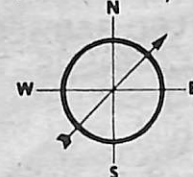
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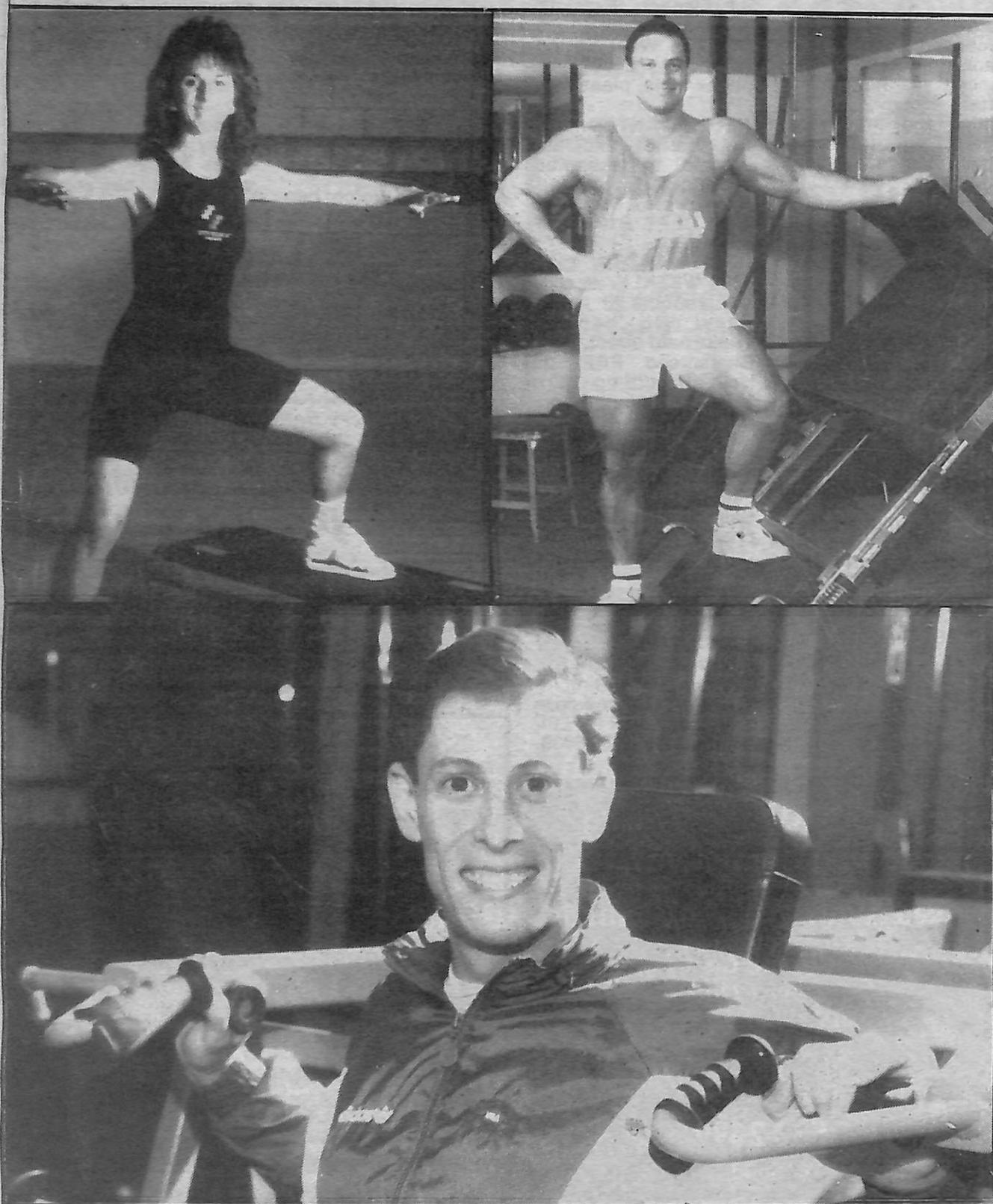
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